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Shevardnadze promises review

Hope for Refuseniks

By
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OTTAWA — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, during his talks here last week with Canadian officials, said he would personally look into the cases of some 3,000 Refuseniks.

The names of the Refuseniks were presented to Shevardnadze on a long list by the Group of 35, a collection of women from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa who shadowed the foreign minister everywhere he went during his two days of talks.

In addition to those names, Shevardnadze was presented by external affairs minister Joe Clark with the names of 10 Refuseniks who have been emblematic of the plight of Soviet Jewry. They included Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak, Alexander Lerner, and Joseph Begun — all longtime Refuseniks.

Shevardnadze said he would personally review those cases as well.

The Canadian government also made a case for the reunification of 42 families whose 110 members are split between Canada and the Soviet Union.

That list included Benjamin and Tanya Bogomolny, who received permission recently to emigrate (see page 3). Another name on that list, according to sources close to Clark, was Lea Mariasin, a Jewish cancer victim who has a sister in Toronto.

Not all the family reunification cases, however, concerned Jews. About half the list comprised Ukrainian families and the other half Jewish ones, according to Martin Penn of Canadian Jewish Congress's Soviet Jewry Committee.

But in all, Shevardnadze turned out to be something of a surprise to the protesters who dogged him whenever he stepped from his limousine. The black-robed women, chanting the names of Refuseniks and armed with their list, were everywhere he was — whether it was to sign a \$3.75 billion grain deal with Canada or to discuss next week's superpower summit in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Throughout, Shevardnadze remained receptive and even charming, says



Former Refusenik Vladimir Brodsky arrives in Israel on Sept. 21 after serving one year of a 3-year sentence in a Soviet prison. (IPPA photo)

Barbara Stern, chairman of CJC's Soviet Jewry Committee and one of the Group of 35.

"We were there to demonstrate in silence. We were not out to make a disturbance," Stern told The CJN. When the women were on Parliament Hill with arms linked, Shevardnadze strolled over and asked if he could have the list of 3,000 names.

"At first we said no because it's the only such list we have," Stern said. "Then Clark said he could take the list and have it photocopied for

him. He (Shevardnadze) could not have been more pleasant. He was very affable and obviously out to charm."

Later, Shevardnadze was again met by the women and again, he walked over to them, this time expressing concern about the women standing all day. "We said we're concerned with our people in the Soviet Union," Stern said. "We asked him whether he needed the addresses of the Refuseniks. He said no, he would get them himself."

"I think we really

underlined to him that this is a constituent issue in Canada," Stern said.

It was there, on Parliament Hill that MP David Kilgour, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, presented Shevardnadze with a scroll, in the form of a Torah, containing a 10,000-name petition on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Following his 3-hour meeting with Shevardnadze, Clark told reporters the encounter had been "useful and productive" and that he thought the Soviets had displayed a "much more flexible attitude" on the question of human rights, but that it was "too early to tell if the Soviets have adopted a dramatically different stance."

Last year, Clark said, the Soviets acted on reunifying seven Canadian families with their Soviet relatives. (Since 1982, only 18 cases out of 166 have been settled). "That is not enough," he added. "It's a record on which we can improve."

But Clark warned, there is a danger in dealing with the Soviets of being too forceful. "We cannot be counter-productive. That may force the Soviets to become more rigid."

In his 90-minute meeting with Shevardnadze, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney had been "particularly forceful" on the matter of human rights, Clark said, but that Mulroney had received "no precise undertakings" from the Soviets on the matter.

At a news conference later, Shevardnadze said

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Yitzhak Shamir, who takes over next week as Prime Minister of Israel. This will be the second time he will serve in this role. (Religious News Service photo)

Shamir reaffirms desire for peace

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the United Nations last week that "Israel remains anxious and willing to move the peace process forward without delay."

In an address to the General Assembly, Shamir cited Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt which he said "was intended to be the first in a series of treaties that together would constitute a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

He lashed out at "those who are afraid of peace, or are seeking to evade peace with Israel, are trying to promote an alternative to direct negotiations and, ultimately to peace itself by means of an international conference."

"Let me repeat again: Experience proves that the only path to peace is through direct negotiations," Shamir said. "Substitutes for such negotiations can only lead away from peace. The history of our region provides ample evidence of this simple truth."

Shamir, who will take office as Prime Minister on Oct. 14 under the unity coalition government's rotation of power agreement, added: "We turn again to the leaders of our Arab neighbor with an outstretched hand of peace. Let us bring an end to belligerency and hatred. Let us make real the hopes for a new era of understanding and co-existence. We shall not spare any effort in this quest. Nor will we give up hope that it will bear fruit."

Shamir observed pointedly that Egypt, the only Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, has benefited by it. "With its commitment to the (Camp David) Accords, Egypt has gained its prestige and stature. Many of those in the Arab world who once attacked and boycotted it are now looking to Egypt to play a leading role in peace negotiations," Shamir said.

He appealed directly to King Hussein of Jordan to enter peace talks with Israel. "We recognize that once it decides to respond

to our call, Jordan may face considerable opposition from some Arab quarters. This opposition, however, will not be deflected or appeased by such devices as an international conference," Shamir said.

"The first sign of a genuine willingness to move toward peace is a declared readiness to deal with one's former adversary," he observed.

With respect to Soviet participation in the Middle East peace process, the Israeli foreign minister reiterated past statements by himself and by Premier Shimon Peres that without the resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel and a major change of policy toward Soviet Jews, "it is difficult to see how the Soviet Union could contribute in any way to the attainment of peace in our region."

He said, however, that he hoped the meeting between Israeli and Soviet representatives at Helsinki "is a sign of a positive change in the policy of

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Likud leader will fill top position once again

JERUSALEM —

Yitzhak Shamir, Israeli Prime Minister-designate, served as foreign minister and vice-premier while Shimon Peres was Premier. As of Oct. 14 — and for the next two years, unless there is a government crisis — Shamir will lead Israel's national unity government.

Shamir was born in Poland, in 1915. A member of the Betar youth movement, he began studying law in Warsaw but interrupted his studies to emigrate in 1935, to Palestine, where he enrolled at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 1937 he joined the Irgun Zvai Leumi (National Military Organization) and, in 1940-41, following a split within it, he joined Lohamei Herut Yisrael (Israel Freedom Fighters), in which he actively participated until Israel gained independence in 1948.

Twice — in 1941 and 1946 — he was arrested by the British mandatory authorities; twice he

escaped. After the second escape, from Eritrea, he reached the French colony of Djibouti, by way of Ethiopia, and was given political asylum in France — returning to Israel in May 1948, upon establishment of the state.

From then until 1955 Shamir remained out of the limelight. From 1955 to 1965 he held a senior post in Israel's intelligence ser-

vice, the Mossad. In the

years that followed, he was engaged in private commercial activity; during this time he was also active on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

In 1970 he joined the Herut movement and was elected to its executive committee, directing the immigration department and, later, the organization

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Peres resignation is set for Oct. 10

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Premier Shimon Peres said last week that he will submit his resignation to President Chaim Herzog on Oct. 10 so that Foreign Minister Shamir can take office as Prime Minister on Oct. 14, the date set by the Labor-Likud rotation of power agreement.

Peres explained to high school students in Hadera that Oct. 10 is the latest he can resign because the 11th is a Sabbath, the 12th is Kol Nidre night

and the 13th is Yom Kippur. Therefore he will call on Herzog on Friday of this week so that the President can ask Shamir to form a government immediately after the holidays.

Peres makes his last trip abroad as Prime Minister this week when he goes to Paris to meet with President Francois Mitterrand during ceremonies marking the opening of the Ben-Gurion centennial year.

World-National

Lifeline to the people of Israel

By
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With Yom Kippur at hand and Israel Bonds appeals a standard feature almost everywhere, it might be as good time as any to lay out some facts.

Purchasers of Bonds loan money to Israel; they do not give it. At present low Canadian interest rates the difference between what Israel pays the lender and what the banks pay has become very small indeed.

Now, when people go to a bank and purchase a term paper they will hardly say that they have "donated money." Yet this is what I hear time and again from those who buy Israeli term papers — for that is what



Rabbi Plaut

Bonds are in essence. Therefore, Bonds are not tax deductible. They can be cashed in Israel or here, at maturity or before.

It is different with the United Jewish, Combined Jewish or United Israel Appeal. There you're asked to give plain and simple. You thereby support certain educational and welfare projects, and the donations are tax deductible, like those to other approved recipients.

With the needs of Israel being what they are today, attention to both Bonds purchases and UJA/CJA/UIA gifts provides a lifeline for the embattled state. A recent article by Simcha Bahiri, Research Fellow at Tel Aviv University, set out some startling comparisons. It gave precise U.S. dollar figures, and I will repeat a few to let you see just what is involved.

Since 1967, when military spending was 9% of the Israeli Gross National Product, it is now about 30% — and according to some, the figure is actually much higher. Since the state cannot do without its defence equipment it has obviously less to spend on social or developmental projects. For instance:

- One Lavi fighter plane costs \$50 million, which is also the cost of a new central bus station in Tel Aviv, which is badly needed but currently stands uncompleted. The project is frozen.

- Five F-16 planes cost \$150 million, which would make possible the extension of Israel's rail system to Eilat.

- One single ground-to-air, shoulder-fired Stinger missile costs \$75,000, for which amount three public dwelling units could be built.

- The cost of one Merkavah tank equals the debt of 100 farms in the Galilee.

- Eight bullets for the Galil rifle cost the same as one school meal.

- For one 40mm machine gun one could buy a family farm tractor.

And so on. The contribution to Israel's health, which our community will make can be substantial or negligible. And who is "the community" but we, every one of us. The advent of Yom Kippur is a good time to explore our personal obligation.

U.S. stance on terror helps Israel

By
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WASHINGTON —

Last April's U.S. bombing of terrorist targets in Libya is beginning to have important political benefits for Israel in Washington. This was underlined recently at the U.S. defence department.

The Pentagon's spokesman, Bob Sims, was asked by reporters to comment on Israel's bombing that day of terrorist targets outside Beirut. "We're continuing to monitor the situation," he replied. "But generally, we're concerned about the report of increasing violence in that troubled region."

Like other spokesmen at the state department and the White House that day, Sims urged all parties "to exercise restraint before any actions which lead to violence and the continued suffering of the Lebanese people. We don't believe there is a military solution to the Lebanon problem."

At the Pentagon briefing, Sims was then asked whether Israel's use of U.S.-supplied military equipment during the bombing raid outside Beirut had violated American law. In the past, the Reagan administration — like the Carter administration before it — had raised the possibility of an Israeli violation of the stipulation that American weaponry be used only in "legitimate self-defence."

But now, the Pentagon spokesman was clearly in an awkward position, as underscored by the following exchange:

Reporter: "Bob, at one time when the Israelis or other people used U.S. equipment for other than defensive purposes, the U.S. would say it was investigating the circumstances to see whether the situation was really one of defence or whether it was an attack, an offensive-type operation. Is that the case here, or we just don't bother any more?"

Sims: "Well, I don't know that — What are you talking about that we should be investigating?"

Reporter: "Well, the arms were sold to Israel for defensive purposes, and I believe they at one time had the limitation that they could only be used for defensive purposes. Does that apply any more?"

Sims, unprepared for and uncomfortable with that kind of questioning, skirted the issue. "I just don't have anything on that for you," he said. He was, of course, very aware of the fact that President Ronald Reagan, in justifying the April bombing of the Libyan targets, had argued "legitimate self-defence."

Thus, the U.S. had accepted the Israeli principle that pre-emptive strikes could indeed be defensive in nature. If Israel knew the locations of terrorist targets in Lebanon, how could the U.S. now criticize Israeli air strikes against them? The U.S. had earlier done the same thing. The point was obvious to everyone at the press briefing.

Still, another reporter pressed the issue: "Is it still

U.S. policy to review any potential — or any action like that — to see if it's offensive in nature, if U.S. weapons are involved?"

Sims: "I can't get into 'what if' questions. We don't — there's been no change in our policy. But I'm not going to get into a review of 'what ifs.'"

Reporter: "But it's happened, and it is happening. Are you reviewing the facts with that in mind?"

Sims: "As I've said, we're monitoring the situation there very closely, and we're watching to see what has happened. So far, I have no information on what has happened there, other than that there's been violence in a number of sources in the past several days."

Israeli officials were understandably delighted. They had recognized last April that the U.S. bombing of Libya would automatically make it much more difficult for Washington later to hold the issue of "self-defence" over Israel's head.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, already at the United Nations for the opening session of the General Assembly, was quick to make the very point during an interview published Sept. 25 in The New York Times.

"You can't call it a

bombing," he said of the raid near Beirut, the 10th Israeli air strike on Lebanon this year. "From time to time, there are some defensive actions against terrorist bases, against terrorist attempts against the population of Israel."

State department officials agreed that the U.S. could no longer very easily investigate whether Israel was using American-supplied weaponry in strict self-defence. Israel's legal arguments have been strengthened by the Reagan administration's own actions.

This is not the first time that the U.S. under Reagan has used Israeli-style tactics in trying to curtail terrorism. The decision, for example, to force down in Italy an EgyptAir commercial airline carrying the Achille Lauro hijackers to freedom raised all sorts of questions involving international law — just like Israel's decision to force down in Israel a small Syrian business jet carrying Syrian officials from a meeting in Libya to Damascus. Israel, which had suspected that Palestinian terrorists were aboard, quickly allowed the plane and the officials to leave once it was learned that no terrorists were present.

The U.S. did not scold Israel for that action. And

there was no criticism of the bombing raid in Lebanon last week either. Indeed, the Reagan administration has generally been very sensitive to Israel's security concerns stemming from the continued chaos in Lebanon, especially in the south.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in an interview published in The Wall Street Journal, referred to the perception in parts of the Arab world that there already was some sort of division of labor between the U.S. and Israel in the fight against terrorism. The U.S. would deal with the Libyan threat, while Israel would handle Syria. Even if that were not the case, Rabin noted, the perception alone might deter the Syrians and the Libyans.

Asked about any such formal division of labor, Prime Minister Shimon Peres denied it existed. But he confirmed that "today our two countries act closely on terrorism."

President Reagan, addressing the UN General Assembly on Sept. 22, once again issued a hard line, Israeli-style warning against terrorism: "No cause, no grievance can justify it." It is the crime of cowards, cowards who prey on the innocent,

the defenceless, and the helpless.

"With its allies and other nations, the United States has taken steps to counter terrorism directly, particularly state-sponsored terrorism. Last May, the United States demonstrated that it will defend its interests and act against terrorist aggression. And let me assure all of you today — especially let me assure any potential sponsors of terrorism — that the American people are of one mind on this issue. Like other civilized peoples of the world, we have reached our limit. Attacks against our citizens or our interests will not go unanswered. We will also do all in our power to help other law-abiding nations threatened by terrorist attacks."

Still, despite that kind of strong rhetoric, there is by no means a complete identity of views between Washington and Jerusalem.

Thus, on Sept. 24, the U.S. abstained from — rather than vetoed — a UN Security Council resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its troops from the "security zone" in southern Lebanon and permit the UNIFIL troops to move up to the Israeli border. The 14 other Security Council members voted for the French-sponsored resolution.

If all tourism was down, what were people doing?

By
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WASHINGTON —

First came newsmagazine cover stories about terrorism abroad. Then came the logical cover story that Americans were going to stay in the summer, choosing to spend their money — and not their lives — where they both still had some value. It was, we were told, a new trend.

But then came the news that domestic travel was down. That meant that a considerable number of people had not gone to Europe and had not taken their vacations in America and were, therefore, simply unaccounted for. And so, being addicted to newsmagazines, I concluded that these missing people were engaged in other newsmagazine trends that we already knew about.

Maybe 10% of the people were staying home doing drugs — another trend. Some of them were snorting coke and some others doing crack, while still others were doing absolutely nothing — preparing for a drug test on the job. Maybe a small percentage of the unaccounted were politicians like New York's Senator Alfonse D'Amato, out on the streets buying drugs to show how easy it is. In an election year, their numbers could add up.

It could be, though, that millions of people were simply staying home not having babies — a recent trend. Or maybe they were all at Ralph Lauren's new store on Madison Ave., spending the billions they had made as insider traders. Maybe, as reported in People Magazine, they had canceled a vacation to "do" infidelity.

The newsmagazines tell us, though, that even marriage cheaters could not account for the shortage of travelers. This is because other cover stories said that no one is having sex for fear of herpes or because of the new celibacy (remember that?) or because of the new morality and the return to commitment.

Some people, for sure, were not smoking or not drinking and were returning to religion although why they needed it, given their lifestyles, is beyond me. Still others had taken up tap dancing or were trying to figure out if Andrew Wyeth really had an affair with Helga and, if so, why?

I know all these things from reading the newsmagazines. I accept their word that these are genuine trends, although I know no one who in-

dulges in them. Like a teen-ager sitting home on Saturday night, I have the uneasy feeling that everyone else is doing something, but I don't have a clue what that is. As in high school, Monday morning is when I find out. Now, instead of overhearing my classmates, I read the newsmagazines.

I have learned that Richard Nixon is back (where? how?), and fathers are playing with their kids. This is because they are not reading (explains why Nixon is back), not going to the movies, not watching television and not playing video games anymore. They are, instead, reading pornography, walking around shopping malls for exercise, traveling to Nashville to diet, realigning as Republicans, starting their own businesses, sexually abusing their children, taking poison pills (they deserve it) or — it can not be the same people — learning how to cry.

Most of us are getting older. Everyone is moving west and south except the people we know. None of us can afford a house and all of us live in condominium communities that ban children and pets — although the latter are absolutely essential for a full rounded life while the former, for some reason, are not. We eat an average of 126.8 pounds of sugar a year, have cosmetic surgery (little wonder) and treat our aging parents as we do our growing children: We ignore them.

God is dead, says Time Magazine. No she's not, counters Ms. There's a new nationalism, a new isolationism, a new interventionism and surrogate mothers are being sexually harassed while at work. Kids are no longer promiscuous except when they are, and Yuppies have more money to spend, only of course they don't and, anyway, they ought to because they are childless and were all raised by single mothers in condominiums where they were sexually exploited by crack-crazed insider-traders.

Women are divorcing the surrogate father of their child by another man. They are working, not working, seeking fulfillment, and rejecting feminism. Everyone is showing the flag, being a single parent, being a spy, wanting to be Sam Shepard, worshipping the sun, rejoicing in the return of women to rock music, taking over media companies and, it seems, being afraid to venture out of the house.

Who can blame them? Nixon's back.

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First Bedouin female graduates

BEERSHEBA —

Shifa El-Houzayil, who recently completed her course of studies at Ben-Gurion University's department of social work, has become the first female Bedouin student to graduate from an Israeli university.

Her final graduation project, undertaken with her brothers and another student, was a study of the transition of a small Bedouin tribe from a nomadic lifestyle to a permanent settlement.

Prof. Benjamin Gidron, head of BGU's social work department, says Bedouin students can serve as the bridge between traditional tribal

environment and modern urban society.

For Shifa El-Houzayil, however, breaking through the barrier of age-old family traditions was no easy task. Her father demonstrated great resistance to allowing her to travel to Beersheba unchaperoned and return home in the dark.

Other members of the El-Houzayil tribe threatened to ostracize the family to prevent their own daughters from following in her footsteps.

Intervention by Shifa's older brothers, themselves students and Prof. Gidron, resulted in her father consenting to her studies.

World-National

Soviets may release other cancer sufferers

Bogomolnys to emigrate in wake of campaign

By
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Breast cancer victim Tatyana Bogomolny and her husband Benjamin received word recently from Soviet authorities that they would be permitted to emigrate, and were given two weeks to gather the necessary documents.

According to Dr. Gerald Batist, a Montreal oncologist to whom Tatyana broke the news, the Bogomolnys' departure will mark the end of a

4-month long campaign by Batist and the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee, which he co-founded, to seek treatment for Tatyana outside the Soviet Union, where she underwent a radical mastectomy last January.

Unconfirmed reports last week said two other Jewish cancer sufferers in the Soviet Union — Inna Meiman and Benjamin Charney — "have or will receive" exit visas for treatment in the West. The report added that Meiman would be accompanied by her husband, physicist Naum Meiman.

As of press time, those reports could not be confirmed.

Tatyana Bogomolny, or Tanya as she is known, is a 47-year-old translator and has been a Refusenik since 1974. Her husband Benjamin, 40, is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's "most patient Refusenik" for having waited for an exit visa since 1966.

Batist, a cancer specialist at the Montreal General Hospital, told The CJN he received a call from Tanya just after she and her husband were summoned to the passport office Sept. 26.

"Tanya regards this as a great humanitarian gesture" on the Soviets' part, Batist said, stressing he sought her release on humanitarian grounds.

Batist examined Tanya last April in Moscow and concluded she should be permitted to come to Canada for treatment unavailable in the Soviet Union.

Following his return to Montreal, Batist said Tanya need not have undergone such drastic a procedure as a radical mastectomy and that she was experiencing adverse psychological and physical effects from the operation and from subsequent chemotherapy treatment. He called her surgery "crude."

Apart from examining Tanya, Batist also called on Soviet authorities to let other prominent Refuseniks leave the Soviet Union for cancer treatment in the West. They were: Lea Mariasin, who has multiple myeloma; Charney, who has a tumor in his thyroid; Rimma Bravve, who has ovarian cancer and Meiman, who has tumors near her spine.

Dr. Phil Gold, the other co-founder of committee and physician-in-chief at the Montreal General, together with Batist, wrote a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, calling on the Soviets to allow Tanya, Charney and Meiman exit visas for treatment in the West. In June, the three Refuseniks called a press conference, where they appealed "as dying persons" to be allowed to emigrate.

The committee, which has spread to the U.S., Britain, France and Israel, is now working for the release of all Refuseniks with cancer.

However, the fact the Bogomolnys were told to get their papers in order does not necessarily mean they will leave, Martin Penn of Canadian Jewish Congress's Soviet Jewry Committee said.

Penn told The CJN "it is entirely possible" Soviet authorities can change their minds, even after all the documents are collected.

In the Bogomolnys' case, they were told to buy airline tickets to Vienna and to produce letters of permission to emigrate from Benjamin's employer and from the Moscow housing authority. Penn said they were told to return two weeks after



Benjamin and Tanya Bogomolny

everything was in order to be told whether they could leave. They received unofficial permission on Oct. 1 and should know now for certain whether they can leave on or about Oct. 9.

"The vast majority (of those who apply for exit visas) do leave when they get to this stage," Penn said.

Penn added the Bogomolnys have applied to come to Canada but will eventually settle in Israel, where Benjamin's parents live. They may visit Montreal, where Benjamin's sister, Batsheva Lapa lives, and to have Tanya's cancer treated.

Batsheva's husband Eli told The CJN he spoke to his brother-in-law last week and he sounded "not so good. He was happy but also very afraid. It could be because they told him (at

the passport office) to 'behave.'" Batsheva has not seen her brother since 1971.

"I think they'll be in Canada soon," Batist said. "They have a lot of people they want to thank." Tanya's current condition "is not terminal; but in the next six to eight months, there is a high risk of tumor recurrence." When Batist returned from the Soviet Union, he gave Tanya a less than 60% chance of living 10 years.

He said Tanya had not been singled out for inferior care because she was a Refusenik but rather that she had received treatment typical of Soviet medicine.

The prognosis for the others is not as good. Meiman, Batist said, "is getting sicker," while Bravve is stable but weak.

Batist said he was "exhilarated, cautious and concerned" about the news of the Bogomolnys' possible release.

"More than ever before, we see the Soviets do respond. This gesture is a tremendous plus to Soviet-Canadian relations."

Batist agreed the granting of permission to the Bogomolnys may have been timed to coincide with last week's visit to Canada of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

"I think it's clear that's what they (the Soviets) had in mind," said Penn. "It will simply be an issue that Canada won't have to bring up."

Batist said he hopes the gesture would be repeated for all other Refuseniks suffering from cancer.

It was known that Canada's external affairs minister Joe Clark was to have made a plea on behalf of the Bogomolnys, along with calls for the reunification of 41 other families whose members are split between Canada and the Soviet Union.

It is also known Clark made a plea on behalf of Mariasin, who has a sister, Myra Katz, in Toronto.

Prof. Irwin Cotler, legal counsel to several Refuseniks, told The CJN that a few weeks ago, he sent a letter to the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, saying legal

proceedings would be commenced against the Soviet Union if the Bogomolnys were not given permission to leave by Sept. 26.

It was on that day the couple was called to the passport office, but Cotler gave all the praise to Batist, who "single-handedly" brought their plight to the world's attention.

Cotler said the Soviets "left themselves a possible out" in telling the Bogomolnys to get a letter from the housing authority.

In the meantime, Cotler has sent letters to Clark to press for the reunifications with their families of Refuseniks Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and Mariasin.

Cotler confirmed that Gennady Zakharov, formerly attached to the Soviet mission at the United Nations and who stood accused of spying, would be exchanged for Yuri Orlov, a non-Jew who, with Anatoly Scharansky, began the Soviet Helsinki Watch group, which monitored human rights violations in the Soviet Union. He arrived in the U.S. over the weekend.

As of press time, there was no clear link between the promised exit visas for the Refuseniks and the affair surrounding Zakharov and U.S. journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

PLO expulsion as UN observer advocated in study

By
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WASHINGTON —

Reform of the United Nations outlined in a study by a leading conservative research organization includes withdrawal of official "observer" status for the Palestine Liberation Organization and allowing Israel to participate in all of the UN's organs.

These were among 59 suggestions in a 36-page report by a research team of the Heritage Foundation that included Charles Lichenstein, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and Juliana Geran Pilon, a senior policy analyst.

Unless the UN institutes "massive budgetary and administrative reforms," the report warned, the United States "may well decide that participation in the organization serves no national or international purpose." It noted that the U.S. provides \$1,079,122,300 of the UN's total assessed and voluntary budget of \$4,491,440,100 and could reduce its contributions in the coming year by \$300 million.

Legislation adopted by Congress in 1983 denies contributions to the UN that go to support the PLO and SWAPO (Southwest Africa People's Organization).

The report criticized the international organization for what it termed its record of double standard in the human rights area and "its disregard for language and logic," citing as an example the 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution.

"Over the years," it noted, the UN has been concerned less with human suffering and injustice than with using the human rights mandate as an excuse to attack democratic nations, notably Israel — and its principal "backer" the U.S.

"The UN has yet to condemn Arab terrorist attacks against Israel, while Israel was declared to be 'a non-peace-loving state' in two General Assembly resolutions in 1982, an opprobrium suffered by no other UN member," the

report said. "Libya, Iran and the Soviet Union have not known the sting of UN condemnation, while the U.S. has."

To reduce the cost to the U.S. for hosting the U.N. in New York, the reform plan suggests rotating UN General Assembly sessions between New York and Moscow, or relocating UN headquarters to a neutral or Third-World country.

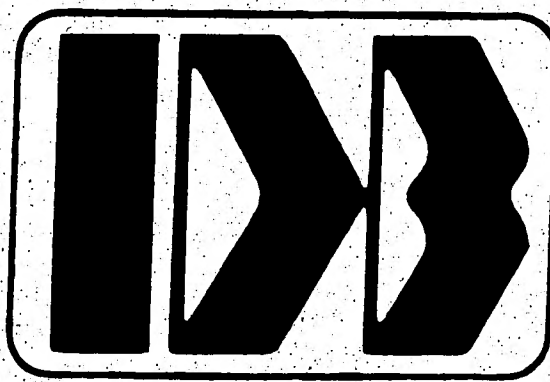
While Article I of the UN charter says the organization "is based on the principle of sovereign equality of its members," the rule of universality is repeatedly violated, the report said. "Israel, for example," it added, "is excluded from major UN bodies including the Economic Commission for Western Asia to which Israel nevertheless is obliged to contribute financially."

The 15-member Security Council, "the pinnacle of the UN system," has "increasingly become a mini-General Assembly, driven by the same paralyzing regional bloc politics," the report said.

"It is dominated by its own caucus of non-aligned or Third World states, often working with the Soviet bloc. Its agenda is overwhelmingly anti-Israel, anti-West, and anti-U.S.," the report said of the body made up of five permanent members with veto power and 10 others elected by the General Assembly.

"As a result, the Security Council views 'threats to international peace and security' through a distorting lens. When the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan, Vietnam turns Cambodia into a satellite, or Libya attacks Chad, the Security Council has taken no forceful action — if it pays any attention at all."

"But when Israel moves to protect itself from cross-border terrorism, or when a single deranged Israeli soldier attacks Moslem Holy places in Jerusalem, the Security Council has leaped into session and spent weeks denouncing 'Zionist aggression' and 'threats to international peace and security.'"



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Which sin must I hurry to clean up before the Day of Atonement?

No doubt all synagogue officers would be happy to read in this column that the most serious sin, the one that requires immediate attention, is the payment of the as yet unpaid annual dues. Non-payment of that obligation compels the shul to drop the offender from the list of members. No other sins seem to call for such drastic punishment.



Rabbi Burak

But, the Talmud has a different attitude. We read, in Tractate Yoma, 85B: "For transgressions between man and his Maker, Yom Kippur will effect atonement. For transgressions between man and his fellow man, Yom Kippur will not bring atonement until he shall have first conciliated his fellow man."

"This did Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah expound: 'From all your sins before the Eternal shall ye be clean' (Leviticus, 16:30), for transgressions against God, Yom Kippur brings atonement. But for transgressions against his fellow man, the Day of Atonement does not bring forgiveness until he has conciliated his fellow man."

What did Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah add to the statement made by the unnamed sage? Is he not repeating the earlier statement? In volume 2, Birchas Mo'adecha le-Chaim, 141B, the Gaon Rabbi Chaim Palagi z.l. does find a difference. While the first sage only said that you can't have God's forgiveness on Yom Kippur for the injury you did to your fellow man, the Nassi made a far stronger statement.

Palagi sees Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah saying that you can't approach God and ask Him to forgive your sins against Him, before you have cleaned up the matters between you and the man you have injured. It's a package deal: you can't ask the Almighty to forgive you those errors that have placed a wall between you and Him, until you have undone the evil you committed against your neighbor.

L'etai c'est mois

Palagi looks at this in halachic terms, and sees the gentleness of the Almighty. Citing a responsum by Tashbatz (Duran) which says that the law of the nations states clearly that when a man owes money to many creditors including the king, the king collects his debt first, and the remainder is divided by the other creditors.

That's the old line, l'etai c'est mois. The King of Kings, however, doesn't act that way. The little fellow's debt must be paid first. Only after that has been done, will the Holy One, blessed be He, turn to consider what is owed to Him. Only then will He be prepared to forgive the debt due Him.

Debts to one's fellow man are of all kinds, not necessarily money. While our age shows consideration to aged parents in many ways, it also shows a tendency to cruelty towards parents. Can you imagine children being so mean as not to talk to their aged parents for years, because of some imagined slight?

Is it decent not to permit grandchildren to talk to their grandparents? Is this not a form of cruelty of the worst kind? "Blow, blow, thou winter wind! Thou art not so unkind As man's ingratitude; Thy tooth is not so keen, Because thou art not seen, Although thy breath be rude."

How can such people hope to be forgiven by our Heavenly Father, when they show such little respect, and have no love for their earthly father? Such evils must be cleaned up before you can talk to Hashem. If you haven't talked to your brother or sister for years, straighten that out, too.

Such hatred is an ugly pool of garbage inside a person, making prayer impossible.

Polish minister pledges fresh start

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Poland's foreign minister told Jewish leaders here that in the aftermath of the decision to resume Polish-Israeli diplomatic links, he is "convinced that other Socialist countries are adopting the same attitude," Kalman Sultnik, World Jewish Congress vice-president, disclosed recently.

Sultnik also said that Foreign Minister Marian Orzechowski pledged to take up the growing problems of Catholic church institutions being built at the sites of Nazi death camps in Poland — specifically the convent at Auschwitz and the chapel at Sobibor. Orzechowski and senior

aides held three hours of discussions "on matters of mutual concern" with Jewish leaders at a private luncheon at the offices of WJC Congress president Edgar Bronfman who was joined by Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The talks were "wide-ranging" and served as a follow-up to discussions held last December in Warsaw with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, WJC sources said.

On the subject of diplomatic relations with Israel, Orzechowski disclosed that Poland's diplomatic representative will arrive in Israel on Oct. 14 — coincidentally, the date of rotation of posts between Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

He noted that it would have been "impossible" for Poland to have taken this step two or three years ago given the international climate, but had done so now because it is "in the interests of Poland, the Jewish people, and peaceful coexistence."

Although Orzechowski said he expected other Communist states to act similarly, he noted that Poland had taken the lead because of its historical legacy linking it to special ties to the Jewish people. "It is naive and wrong to try and separate the Jewish people from Israel," he said, explaining that normalization of relations with the Jewish people is linked to recognition of Israel.

"Poland's role should be to pressure the authentic historic record and prevent these distortions of history," Sultnik told Orzechowski. In response, Orzechowski pledged that "Poland will be the guardian of the historical

record," the government, he said, had regretted what had happened.

He said he would take up the matter of Sobibor on his return to Warsaw, claiming he had not previously been aware of it. "We do not wish to do anything that would irritate our relations with the Jewish community inside or outside of Poland," the Foreign Minister stated.

In another issue, Orzechowski pledged to continue full cooperation with American authorities in the pursuit and prosecuted of Nazi war criminals. He specifically said Poland would continue its whole-hearted assistance in the case of John Demjanjuk who is facing trial in Israel charged with being the notorious "Ivan the Terrible" at Treblinka.

Israel, Jordan cooperate against West Bank PLO

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel and Jordan are collaborating unofficially in a policy to eliminate PLO influence in the West Bank which has already drastically reduced terrorist activity in the territory, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin disclosed in an interview published in Maariv recently.

He said the appointment of local Arab leaders to serve as mayors of three of the West Bank's largest towns was part of that policy and in fact undertaken at Jordan's initiative.

It was announced that Abdel Majid E-Zir, Halil Mussa Halil and Hassan A-Tawil have been named the mayors of Hebron, Ramallah and El Bireh respectively, replacing the Israel Defence Force officers who previously governed the towns.

Rabin said the three appointees were tacitly approved by Jordan and agreed to by Israel after it was ascertained that they were acceptable to the local population and had no connections with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

This step is part of the ongoing war against terrorism and strengthening of moderate elements, Rabin said. He reported that King Hussein in Jordan has encouraged moderate elements in the territory and poured money into circles favorable to his Hashemite regime.

Meanwhile, Gen. Ephraim Sneh, head of the civil administration in the West Bank stressed in a radio interview that the appointment of Arab mayors should not be construed as a beginning of the unilateral implementation of autonomy by Israel.

"By no means, no. There is no connection to any kind of (autonomy) plan," Sneh said. "On the other hand," he added, "this is a continuation of the policy we have followed for a long time; that control of the local municipalities which were headed by Israeli officers should be returned to the local residents."

Rottem appointed Bar-Ilan shaliach

TORONTO —

Lt.-Col. Meir Rottem has been appointed special emissary to Canada for Bar-Ilan University, Leona Finkler, national president of the university's Canadian Friends organization has announced.

Rottem, who is no stranger to this country, will be responsible for fund raising in Western Canada as well as in small communities across the country.

Between 1975 to 1977 he was on loan from the Israel Defence Forces to the Jewish National Fund of Canada and was active in Vancouver and the Western Region.

Rottem came to Canada again to serve as a member of the professional staff on the United Israel Appeal front 1981-85.

At the age of 18, Rottem joined the border police and transferred later to the regular army. He served in a series of command and staff appointments.



Meir Rottem

In 1973 Rottem was appointed financial advisor to the military government of Judea and Samaria. In 1979, he held the same post in the military government of the Gaza district and northern Sinai.

Rottem is a graduate of the Inter-Service Command and Staff College for Combined Operations. He holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Bar-Ilan.

He is married and has two children.

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JNF Negev Dinner to fete Goldblooms

HALIFAX—

The Jewish National Fund will honor Dr. Richard and Mrs. Ruth Goldbloom Nov. 30 at the Halifax Negev Dinner at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

The Goldblooms were selected "in recognition of their outstanding commitment and devotion to the Jewish people and to Israel."

Dr. Goldbloom is a noted pediatrician and has

lectured throughout the world, including Israel, Yugoslavia, and China. He holds several high-ranking medical positions in several universities and societies, and has been published in numerous medical journals.

Mrs. Goldbloom, current chairman of the board of Mt. St. Vincent University, was the general chairman of the 1983-84 United Israel Appeal. In 1978, she received the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' Human Relations Award.

Both Goldblooms, says JNF, are well-known locally, nationally, and internationally.

The announcement was made by Neil Franklin and Lee Cohen, co-chairmen of the Halifax-Dartmouth region.



Dr. Richard Goldbloom

Ruth Goldbloom

Israel leaders urge Jewish tourism

JERUSALEM—

Jewish tourism to Israel is primarily an important act of identification, say Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir in special messages to the heads of Jewish organizations, rabbis, and Jewish community leaders in North America.

Requesting that they enlist their best efforts to stimulate and encourage tourism, Peres said tourism is not merely another industry, and its importance does not lie solely in its contribution to improving Israel's balance of trade.

"Rather, first and foremost, it is an act of Jewish identification," he said. "It is an act of solidarity with the efforts to create and build a home for ourselves, here in Israel. It is an act which teaches love for our

historic land of our fathers."

Issuing an open invitation, Peres said: "Come and see with your own eyes the building of our national home — a home of peace and of justice. Come and demonstrate the brotherhood of the Jewish people in the face of attempts to isolate us."

The Prime Minister said that after their visits, Jews can serve as ambassadors of goodwill and inform the world about the country.

Sharir appealed to Jews to visit Israel and "strengthen our mutual bonds of heritage despite recent acts of terror around the globe which have so drastically affected tourism."

The tourism minister said a visit to Israel accomplishes many national goals: it stimulates Jewish education, it enhances the

status of Jewish communities and it increases interest in maintaining commercial, financial and economic ties with the Jewish state.

"A visit to the land of Zion, where one can walk in the footsteps of our forefathers in the streets of Jerusalem, where kings and prophets lived, where one can hear the echoes of our history, is a unique and emotionally fulfilling experience which can take place only in Israel," Sharir added.

"Look within your soul and renew your commitment to Israel by doing your share in increasing Jewish tourism to Israel and show the world at large that we are indeed 'am ehad.'"

Morocco to transfer bodies of olim

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The bodies of 22 Jewish immigrants who died when their Israel-bound ship, Egoz, foundered in Moroccan waters in 1961, will be transferred to Israel for reburial, it was announced here recently.

King Hassan of Morocco authorized the transfer in response to a request from Premier Shimon Peres. The matter was handled through the offices of United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The Egoz sank 25 years ago with 44 persons aboard near the Moroccan coastal village of Al-Hoceima. A team of Israeli officials went to Morocco to arrange for disinterment and transfer of the bodies.



Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze talks to Jewish group outside the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. [Canapress photo]

Soviet "thawing" detected

[Cont'd from page 1]

his meeting with Mulroney was "warm...and without any forceful words or ultimatums."

But Canadian officials detect a thawing out on the Soviets' part with respect to human rights. At a state dinner for Shevardnadze, the foreign minister indicated that the Soviet presence in Afghanistan

would be on the agenda for next week's summit meeting between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

One Canadian official noted that when the question of Soviet Jewry was raised, "we did not get a doctrinaire response."

In fact, Clark said Canada would continue

talks with the Soviets later this month on human contacts and exchanges, which Ottawa suspended when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979.

Meanwhile, a series of shuttle flights from New York to Iceland is planned by leaders of the U.S. Jewish community, relatives of Refuseniks and leading public officials, as

a way of supporting Reagan's commitment to bring up human rights in his talks with Gorbachev in Reykjavik.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz pledged that, as in all meetings with the Soviets, "you can be sure we are going to keep the subject of human rights on the agenda."

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

HELFT

George Goldman, of Toronto, seeks information about the surname of a friend, HELFT.

I have never heard of HELFT as a surname and I cannot give an authoritative opinion.

There appears to me at least four various possibilities.

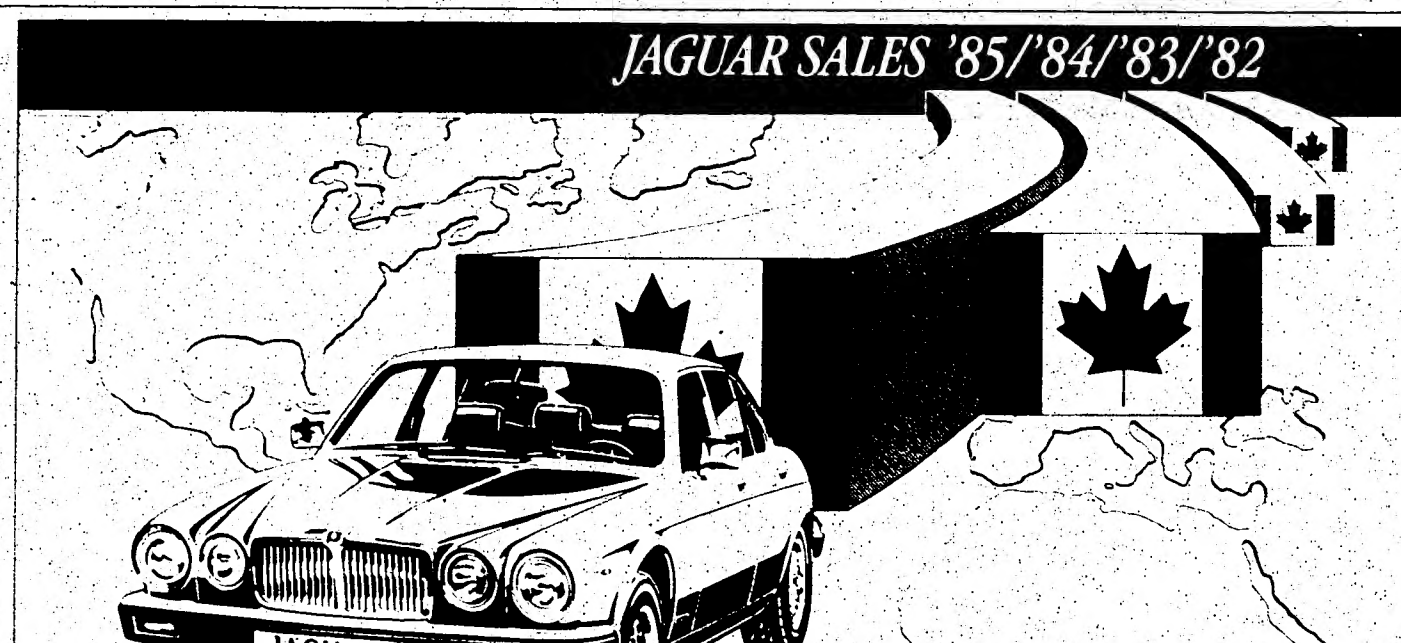
(1) HELFTA is a German village in a region where there were Jewish communities.

(2) HALFTE (pronounced HELFTE) means one-half. I am not aware that this was adopted as a Jewish surname, although I recall seeing the name Viertel, which means one-quarter.

(3) The word HELFEN means to help — so that "he helps" is "er helft" in German.

(4) And, finally, HELFT could be an abbreviation of HELFGOTT (God helps) which is a substitute for the Hebrew name ELIEZER, which also means God helps.

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Azrieli re-elected president of Canadian Friends

Sbarir lauds Technion at Vancouver gathering

VANCOUVER —

The Technion is paramount for Israel's economic development and defensive capacity, says

Avraham Sbarir, Israel's minister of justice and tourism.

Addressing a community dinner here hosted by the

Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society recently, Sbarir described Israel's efforts to advance the peace process

while maintaining a strong defensive capability and endeavoring to stabilize the economy.

He described the Tech-

nion's immense significance in scientific and technological capabilities of Israel and encouraged Canadians to increase their support for the Haifa-based institution.

Meanwhile, at the CTS national executive meeting here David Azrieli of Montreal was re-elected president.

In his report, Azrieli emphasized the continued commitment of the Canadian Society to three major structures on Technion campus — the Azrieli Architecture and Town Planning Faculty Building, the Ivanyer Canada Faculty Centre and the Bloomfield Centre for Graduate Studies in Industrial Management — all in various stages of completion.

The three projects are a special responsibility for the Canadian Society, since they complete the building program at the Technion and will provide modern facilities to further the institute's development.

The treasurer's report reflected a rise in pledges over the last year along with increased expenses, due to the extension of the professional staff.

Emanuel Shimoni, executive vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society, analyzed the Technion's economic situation. He explained that covering the operational budget deficit was the institute's main priority in order to ensure the high

level of activity so closely linked to Israel's economic and defence needs.

The chapter reports reflected high levels of interest and activities in all cities represented. Efforts to open new chapters in Ottawa, Kingston, Guelph

and Vancouver had borne fruit, the meeting was told.

Resolutions adopted include the encouragement of and funding for Canadian students at Technion; and promoting visits of young leadership to the Technion and Israel.

Erez named head of TAU Friends

TORONTO —

Yaacov Erez has been appointed national executive director of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, replacing Moshe Zarmi, who has returned to a position with Israel Aircraft Industries.

Erez, who has come from Israel, is no stranger to Canadians. He was executive vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society for seven years in Montreal before his return to Israel two years ago. In that time, he was general manager of Canon Ayalon, a shopping centre in Ramat Gan developed by Montrealer David Azrieli.

He had a distinguished military career with the Israel Defence Forces, serving in all of Israel's wars and rising to the rank of colonel.

Erez plans to put the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University "back on the map." The organization has been virtually dor-



Yaacov Erez

mant in Montreal where it has not had a major fund raising dinner since 1978, he said. Next spring, the Montreal Chapter will stage a dinner whose honoree will be announced shortly, he said. A major function is also scheduled for Toronto in the spring.

The Friends' national office is in Toronto; there is also a Montreal regional office, directed by Barbara Pascal. The national president is Albert Latner of Toronto.



Seen at a Vancouver reception for Avraham Sbarir, Israeli minister of tourism and justice, are (from left) David Azrieli, national president of the Canadian Technion Society; Eileen Narod, reception host; Sbarir; and Irving Nitkin, chairman of the Vancouver chapter of the society.

Water shortage tops the list of Israel's toughest problems

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The High Holy Day season lends itself not only to contemplative review of the year just elapsed, but also to consideration of the immediate future, and what lies in store for us. It is our annual custom, at this time, to review and ponder the 12 major problems which, in our opinion, will face Israel in the 12 months ahead.

Some of these problems are perennial; occasionally some drop in gravity, or lose their place in the list, only to be replaced by others. Alas, we are never at a loss for a listing, though this year there are some major changes in the order of priority. The list is given in order of respective significance.

1. **Water.** This item has appeared on our list for years, but this time it emerges as the single most critical menace to national security or even survival. The country has been consuming its water resources at a rapid rate, reservoirs including the Sea of Galilee are drying up, and more than one winter of heavy rains is needed to restore a safety margin. Can technology provide an answer?

2. **The political rotation** of the two major parties, with Shamir replacing Peres in the premiership, is a delicate and unprecedented political maneuver. The stability of the government is at stake, and it is to be hoped that politicians will become statesmen, and national concerns will be placed ahead of narrow party interests.

3. **Religious-secular confrontation.** Intolerant fanaticism of extremists on the one side, led to burning of synagogues and desecration of holy books by hotheads on the other side during the past year, and the prospects of further clashes have lit a red light which thinking people in both camps should pay heed to.

4. **The economic situation.** Remarkable restraint by all elements has brought about a radical reduction in inflation, but the situation is still delicate. Some labor groups insist on pay raises, which could yet trigger a new spiral, and some vested interests are all for spending more government money. A strong and determined economic policy requires the support of both major political parties.

5. **Relations with Jordan and West Bank.** The summit meeting with the king of Morocco, and the thaw in relations with Egypt indicate that there is motion on the international scene in this area. Many expect that there will yet be opportunity for negotiations with King Hussein, and some kind

of arrangement with regard to Judea, Samaria and Gaza may slowly begin to emerge. Others regard such a possibility as a chimera, and in any event leading only to a dead end.

6. **Immigration.** The figures have fallen off sharply. Jews who want to come to Israel are unable to do so, and those who are able, don't want to come. Persons in the government and in the Jewish Agency who should be most deeply concerned, and should be taking the initiative in promoting wider interest in aliya are doing either nothing or the wrong things.

7. **Highway accidents.** After several years of a declining accident rate, the figures this year shot up suddenly in a major spurt of traffic fatalities. Once again, Israel loses far, far more lives on the roads at home than in action by enemy or terrorists. All indications are that the principal cause is the human factor, not roads or cars.

8. **Yerida.** There has been no decline in the number of Israelis who abandon life here, and seek pleasure and prosperity abroad. Israel is unable to decide if the phenomenon is a sad one or a shameful one. Attempts to staunch the flow have been only half-hearted.

9. **Normalization with Egypt.** Things have improved, but if the Taba problem can be fully resolved to mutual satisfaction there could well be possibility of a new golden period of political, commercial, cultural and tourist relations between Israel and Egypt. It is a situation worth working for.

10. **Relations with the USSR.** The aborted meeting in Finland, and the developments thereafter, serve to emphasize the need for opening channels of communication with Moscow. Israel is willing, but the Russians are as negative and as inscrutable as ever. Will there be a break in this situation?

11. **The Lavi.** Israel's own designed jet fighter, the very last word in military aircraft, is due to make its maiden test flight in the very near future. Whether the plane will actually go into production thereafter will depend on policy decisions in Jerusalem and financial decisions in Washington.

12. **The threat from Syria.** The enormous strengthening of the Syrian military machine, and the rumbling threats from Damascus serve as warnings to Israel that maximum alert must be maintained on the northeastern border.

A dozen thought-provoking problems. Will any of them be closer to solution when we review and revise the list again next year?

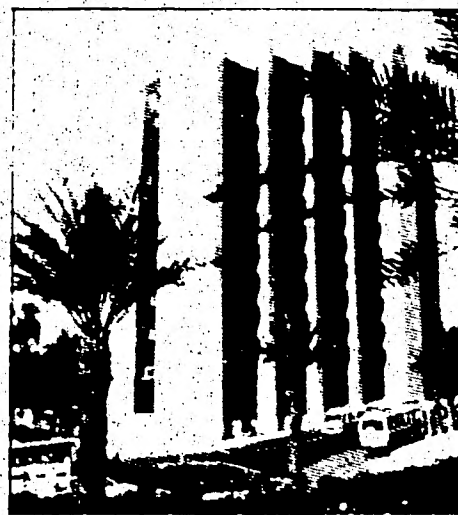
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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Israel purchased four principal Dead Sea scrolls from a Syrian bishop on Oct. 13, 1955. Back in Jewish hands were the ancient annals of the Qumran sect, apparently the earliest recorded group of Jewish religious dissidents.

Israel of some 2,000 years ago was a small country in great turmoil. The great promise demonstrated by the Maccabees in ridding the Holy Land of Greek paganism degenerated among their heirs into destructive political squabbles and court intrigues. Rapid territorial expansion and large scale forced conversion brought more problems and controversy.

The Zaddokim (Sadducees), ruling priestly elite, were corrupt and considerably more knowledgeable about Greek ways than the Temple services they officiated over. Their supporters, the landowning aristocracy, kept their farmworkers and the peasantry suppressed. The latter's cause was taken up by the Perushim (Pharisees), rabbis who fought for universal education and democratic reforms while remaining divided among themselves on the application of the developing halacha.

Paupery and desperation proliferated. Violence and crime increased dramatically. This was sparked in part by the frequent murder and forced retirement of high priests: the law allowed for the pardon of killers with a change in the Temple's chief officer, who could normally be expected to preside for decades.

The balance of world power was shifting dramatically to the west. Alexander broke Persian domination. Scipio crushed the semitic maritime empire of Carthage. Pompey, invited in around 65 BCE to settle a dispute for the Judean throne, casually conquered Jerusalem and appropriated Judea's hard won territories. Hyrcanus II was crowned a puppet king in charge of a vassal state.

These unsettling events — accompanied by earthquakes, comets and other portents — underscored a profound sense of expectation. The Jewish calendar was marking the passing of the world's first 4,000 years and the threshold of its final stage. Upon it the Messiah was to make his debut — immediately and painlessly if the people were worthy, or, if not, at length and with much tribulation. Essenes, Therapeutae, and other brotherhoods, some practising celibacy, preached the coming of the end, and sought to dissociate themselves from the corruption in Jerusalem. Historian Josephus describes the Essenes of his native Galil at their peak.

The semi-monastic Qumran order apparently lived for several generations northwest of the Dead Sea. Despite the area's breathtaking barrenness, it was close to a main intersection: the road down the rugged mountains from Jerusalem crossing the rift valley highway along the length of the country. Its ideas could be easily disseminated to travelers and visitors. After their time, the dryness of the air preserved their written remains.

Qumran regimen

Scrolls discovered by a Bedouin shepherd boy in 1947 at Qumran included two complete copies of Isaiah, and fragments of many other biblical and non-canonical books, which have proved invaluable to modern archeologists and scholars. Commentaries, thanksgiving psalms, a war scroll, and a manual of discipline outlined the Qumran sect's own beliefs and practices. They largely paralleled those of the Essenes and others.

The Qumran regimen included: strict observance of the mitzvot; prayer and meditation in place of the Temple sacrifices; physical work alternating with Torah study; and daily ritual bathing. They sought maximum spiritual purity with which, as the self-designated Sons of God, they could survive the expected overthrow of the Sons of Darkness (the Jerusalem hierarchy, according to the latest theory). Political aloofness, dualistic outlook, and rejection of the doctrine of bodily resurrection set them apart from the mainstream Perushim. Discovered several years ago was a letter from the Qumran's Teacher of Righteousness exhorting the Temple's High Priest to religious reforms.

The spot was the nucleus of a much wider movement of supporters displaying varying degrees of adherence. It was likely the prototype of similar groups, including the better known Essenes. Influential religious groups to this day have borne the Qumran stamp.

Measures to combat terrorism

Israeli proposals to ICAO council

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Israel's comprehensive working paper proposals to combat terrorism has been recommended by the 140-member International Civil Aviation Organization executive committee attending its 26th session to be forwarded for consideration in a few months' time at a meeting of ICAO's 36-nation governing council.

The recommendation, passed by consensus last week, must still be approved by ICAO's general assembly as part of a package of executive committee-approved reports

that will be voted upon before the session ends on Oct. 10.

Israel's working paper encompassed a wide-ranging set of proposals.

Among them were the creation of international anti-terrorist squads, and the enlargement of the scope of current international agreement to include airports, passenger terminals, airline offices, and travel agencies.

Israel also proposed that ICAO's Hague and Montreal conventions be amended to allow any state apprehending terrorists to have jurisdiction over them or make their extradition compulsory without the need for bilateral extradition

agreements.

Israel's working paper also included a 15-point list of aviation security measures, and the establishment of a minimum 20-year sentence imposed on convicted terrorists.

Canadian support

Among the nations voicing their support for the forwarding of the Israeli working paper were Canada, the United States, Britain, Ireland, and Venezuela. Israeli vice-consul in

Montreal Moshe Kimchi, a member of the Israeli delegation, told The Canadian Jewish News that while he expected the recommendation to be approved, there are "rumors" that an attempt would be made "at the last moment" to block the forwarding of the Israeli working paper to the ICAO governing council, "but there has been nothing so far."

"The timing would be bad," he said, because "we know who is behind international terrorism."

If an Arab country were to raise such an amendment, he said, Israel has "counter-remedies" with which to block the attempt.

The Israeli working paper did not undergo debate before the assembly.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, granted observer status at the ICAO conference, attacked Israel for its interception last February of an Air Libya jet, and the United States for its interception of Egyptian planes after the Achille Lauro ship hijacking. As observers, the PLO can speak, but cannot vote. No nation has yet raised these issues.

Another proposal by Israel, dealing with the technicalities of the licensing of ultra-light motorized aircraft, will also be put to a vote before the ICAO assembly.



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Editorial

Admirable step

The Israeli government has taken an admirable and prudent step in at least two areas of its governance of the territories it acquired in 1967 when Arab nations were stampeded by Egypt's President Nasser into a war against Israel.

— Last week the Jordanian authorities (with the consent of Israel, of course) decided to open up the Arab Bank of Nablus. The bank, to be funded with Hashemite reserves, will provide much needed money for the development of Arab agriculture and commerce.

One of the great developments which has characterized the Arabs in the territories is that they have benefited from Israel's vigorous economy. The media tend to report only the fractious debates, the violence and the protests which seem to dominate life in the territories. Less prominence has been accorded the economic progress in the area.

The opening of the Nablus bank officially confirms the low profile cooperation which has been going on between Israel and Jordan.

Further evidence of that cooperation may be seen also in the decision taken by the Israeli government last week to appoint Arab mayors in three West Bank towns.

This is a development which augurs well for the future because it shows that, despite the intimidations of the PLO and the cousinhood of Arab terror, there are still Arab leaders to be found who maintain completely independent political postures.

Israel has always believed in permitting the Arab residents of the territories to govern themselves in most respects. The appointment of the mayors is a positive step in the direction of effecting a modus vivendi between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians of the territories.

It is to be hoped that after the rotation agreement the government of Yitzhak Shamir will continue the sensible policies adopted by the Peres administration.

Auschwitz exhibit

The government of Poland has entered into an agreement with the United Jewish Appeal in the United States to permit the famous United Nations exhibit on Auschwitz to be circulated to a number of American centres.

The exhibit, which was seen by more than 70,000 people when it was first put on display at UN headquarters in New York last year, consists of photographs, documents and various artifacts from the worst death camp of all.

The arrangement between the UJA and the Polish government took a considerable time to work out but it was finally concluded between Alex Grass, the UJA chairman and officials of the Auschwitz museum and the Polish authorities.

The decision to send the Auschwitz exhibit to the United States is a timely one. It has been noted that even within the North American Jewish community there is a diminishing consciousness of what occurred during the Holocaust. Ninety percent of Americans have never visited Yad Vashem or any other Holocaust memorial.

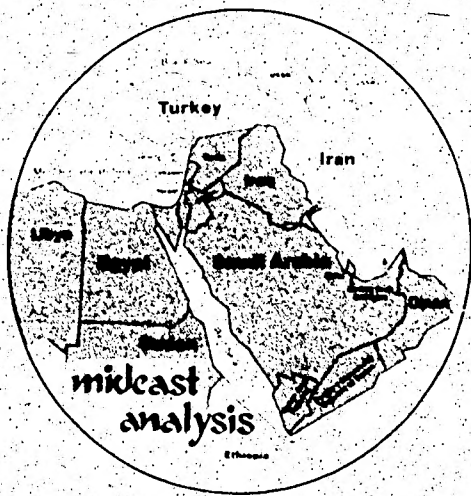
One of the Polish visitors who attended the opening of the exhibit in Norfolk, Va., Teresa Swiebocka, the curator of the Auschwitz museum, made the observation that Auschwitz represented the tragic fate of European Jews. The Nazis intended, however, to destroy the Poles and Slavs as well.

The decision of the Polish government to send the Auschwitz exhibit at the same time when Poland is readying itself for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel is a welcome development.

It is to be noted that only American cities are listed on the itinerary for the Auschwitz exhibit. It would be a shame if Canadian Jews did not have an opportunity to view it. Perhaps officials in the UJA in this country could persuade their American counterparts to permit its importation into Canada.

Refused to break agreement with Shamir

Peres' pluses and minuses



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Within a week, Prime Minister Shimon Peres will switch jobs with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, thereby living up to the terms of the Labor Party's 1984 rotation agreement with the Likud.

Some observers are probably surprised that the rotation will take place. They had speculated that Peres, anxious to unshackle himself of the constraints that are part and parcel of a national unity government, would use any reasonable pretext to jettison his agreement with Shamir.

Certainly, Peres had ample opportunities to dissolve the government. During the course of his 25 months in office, there were a series of major and minor crises that Peres could have exploited.

The most serious crisis occurred last November, when Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon accused Peres of conducting secret negotiations with Jordan without informing the cabinet, of being ready to open discussions with the PLO, and, in general, of formulating policies that would lead to "bloodshed." Under enormous pressure from his party, Sharon retracted his accusations and formally apologized, thus averting the collapse of the government.

Clearly, Peres could have seized on this inflammatory incident to call an election. Indeed, this is precisely what some key members of the Labor Party urged him to do. But Peres disregarded their advice. He was not prepared to break up the government unless the issue at hand was really crucial. And he did not want to give the electorate the impression he was a selfish, opportunistic politician.

Last month, during a breakfast meeting with journalists in Ottawa, Peres was asked whether the rotation would go into effect on Oct. 14 as planned. It would, he replied. And, he added, he had no intention of creating an artificial crisis to topple the government.

In a sense, Peres had no real incentive to sever his agreement with Shamir. Despite all his disagreements with him, and despite widespread fears that a Labor-Likud coalition would produce nothing but national paralysis, Peres was able to score some notable successes, both at home and abroad. By doing so, he achieved immense popularity among his fellow Israelis. Analysts say that his stock would have plunged had he

reneged on his agreement with Shamir.

Peres' most important accomplishment was to extricate Israel from Lebanon.

One year ago last June, the Israeli army withdrew from southern Lebanon, leaving a residual force of about 1,000 men to police the buffer zone in concert with the Israeli-financed and trained South Lebanon Army. Shamir and other Likud ministers called for a much less ambitious withdrawal, but Peres and his associates would not budge from their belief that it was in Israel's vital interest to disengage itself from the morass that is Lebanon.

Israel remains intimately involved in the affairs of southern Lebanon, and geo-political factors necessitate a continued Israeli interest in it. But the IDF's massive involvement in Lebanon, which alienated Israelis and Lebanese alike, is a thing of the past, at least for now.

Peres' second goal was to warm up relations with Egypt, the only Arab

hawkish Yitzhak Shamir at the helm of the Israeli government, it is doubtful whether Peres, in his capacity as foreign minister, can talk the exceedingly cautious Jordanian monarch into negotiating with Israel on behalf of himself and the Palestinians.

The outgoing Prime Minister had more luck in Africa and in Western Europe.

In line with Israel's effort to regain its influence in Black Africa, all but shattered by the 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars, Peres paved the way for the reestablishment of relations with the Ivory Coast and Cameroon. More African countries will probably follow their example.

In a genuine breakthrough, Spain became the last Western European nation to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. Peres worked hard to attain this objective. And while he improved Israel's relations with Greece, which has hewed to a pro-Arab policy, he fell short of actually warming them up.



Shimon Peres... successes & failures

country that is officially at peace with Israel. To a degree, Peres appears to have succeeded. In September, after Israel and Egypt agreed to solve the thorny Taba problem through international arbitration, Peres went to Alexandria and finally had his long-anticipated summit with President Hosni Mubarak.

The one concrete result that emerged from their meeting was the decision by Egypt to restore its ambassador to Israel after a hiatus of four years. The real question, however, is whether Egypt will now move to completely "normalize" its often cool relationship with Israel.

Peres' tete-a-tete with Mubarak was preceded by his visit to Morocco, where he conferred with King Hassan. The two did not see eye-to-eye on any of the major issues in Middle Eastern diplomacy, but the meeting could hardly be called a total failure. It signified the gradual Arab recognition of Israel as a reality in the region and it triggered hope that the Jewish state and a few of its neighbors, notably Egypt, Morocco and Jordan, might succeed in establishing a common peace front.

Such a scenario, fraught as it is with risks and dangers, is still far off, particularly in light of Jordan's refusal to enter into direct talks with Israel. Peres, after months of trying, failed to persuade King Hussein to negotiate publicly with Israel. King Hussein rebuffed all his overtures, partly because Peres' terms were not attractive enough, and partly because he fears Syria's reaction.

The Prime Minister's failure to enlist Jordan in peace talks is his major setback. Without Jordan, there can be no movement toward a political resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. And with

Much to his regret, the Soviet Union did not reestablish relations with Israel. Speculation that Moscow would do so increased after Poland set up an interest section in Tel Aviv and after it was announced that Israeli and Soviet diplomats would hold consular talks in Helsinki.

But the talks, the first in 19 years, floundered after only 90 minutes; apparently breaking down due to Israel's insistence in raising the sensitive question of Soviet Jewry. Last month, however, Peres conferred with the Soviet foreign minister at the United Nations.

Domestically, Peres chalked up successes and failures.

Thanks to an austerity program which he personally supervised, the inflation rate was reduced to 15% from over 400%. Peres' efforts to rehabilitate the battered economy may well be one of his chief legacies.

Peres, though, did not distinguish himself in the Shin Bet case, which was triggered by the beating deaths of two Palestinian terrorists at the hands of Israeli security officials.

It is generally agreed that he did nothing to punish the officials until the shady affair grew into an embarrassing controversy.

And Peres took flak when he decided to release 1,150 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for three Israeli soldiers.

The Jonathan Pollard spy case greatly embarrassed Peres and tarnished his government's lustre, but Israel's vital relationship with the U.S. was not affected by it. In spite of the Pollard affair, Israel deepened its friendship with Washington, and Peres had no small role to play in that important development.

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Opinion

Negative Shylock model unacceptable in schools

TOBY FOUKS, a high school English teacher employed by the Peel Board of Education, comments on the recent decision by the Waterloo, Ont. Board of Education to suspend teaching of *The Merchant of Venice* until the matter is discussed at higher provincial levels.

The Waterloo Board of Education, after intense pressure from a group of 100 parents, both Jewish and non-Jewish, has agreed to suspend the teaching of *The Merchant of Venice* until the Ontario ministry of education and the Human Rights Commission make a ruling. Parents of Jewish students had been complaining for several years that the character of Shylock in Shakespeare's play created additional anti-semitic attitudes, and as the play was being taught to 9th grade students, often lacking in the awareness of what Jews are really like, the caricature of the Jewish money-lender fostered and increased anti-semitic feelings and behaviors.

The point is not whether Shakespeare was an anti-semitic or whether he understood the suffering and the prejudice that made Shylock what he was: "Does not a Jew bleed?" asks Shylock, and perhaps Shakespeare as well. The point is that responsible decisions in curriculum design should take place.

What we must focus on is the role of educators in choosing curriculum appropriate for students. Responsible decisions in curriculum design are not the same as book banning. Not all the books written can be taught, and the best way to make choices for our students is to put before them those books which will be most beneficial for their education. To do this we must look at the level of difficulty of the language itself, and then at the conceptual level and experience required to appreciate the work.

In choosing literature for students, then, we must be very aware of their maturity, and their

milieu. There are certain understandings that students must bring to their reading, and if they do not yet have those understandings, they are not ready to approach the literature. Although the play or novel may prove fruitful ground for senior study, it is often out of place in a classroom of less experienced or less mature students.

The Merchant of Venice is only one work out of a few that ought to concern us. In addition to teaching this Shakespearean play as part of a ninth grade English course, I have also taught *Oliver Twist* (to enriched grade 9 students) in which Dickens' Fagin the Jew is far from the most deplorable character, but still presents an ugly stereotype for the uneducated or narrow-minded. Add to that Richler's *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*. In this novel Duddy sacrifices his integrity for the dollar, following in the footsteps of Cohen, his mentor, who advises him that we have to get them before they get us. If anything, this novel feeds the poisonous stereotype of the unscrupulous Jew doing anything to get rich.

Too often books are chosen because educators feel that the content (the plot) will appeal to the students, or that the characters will be ones that the student can "relate to." Hence the contemporary emphasis on adolescent heroes such as Duddy Kravitz or Holden Caulfield in Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*. Although this is usually not the case with Shakespeare, certainly the fact that Duddy Kravitz moves from adolescence to young adulthood is seen as a major factor in the inclusion of Richler's book in many English programmes.

I had never questioned teaching *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* to my grade 11 advanced English classes until a Friday evening discussion after Shabbat services at Dole Congregation last year. I had thought that by making it clear to my students that I was Jewish, and explaining that although the boy in the novel is Jewish he acts out of poverty rather than Jewish upbringing — and in fact it is his saintly grandfather who represents the Jewish ideal — that students would be able to understand the larger issues involved. Even Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, in which the word "nigger" is frequently used, did not distress me, because it is obvious to me that the only truly noble adult in the novel is Jim, the Black, and Twain's intent is to satirize white hypocrisy.

I feel now that I was mistaken. In an ideal world it would work, but in the real world of prejudice and ignorance brought to class, there are better ways to work toward our common humanity than by presenting negative models or models so subtle that they are easily misunderstood.

There has to be a time and place — the proper context into which the study of these works can be a meaningful and enriching experience, rather than a foray along the paths of bigotry. The average grade 9 and 10 and even 11 students look so grown up — but they are not yet adults, and many of them have not yet developed the ability to distinguish between the fictional creation and the real person behind the caricature; they are not yet mature enough to understand that we are a product of our environment, and that the environment in which we live differs tremendously from that in which these writers grew up.

If we are to help mankind to develop harmonious relationships and mutual respect for differences, then what we should be putting before our young people are positive models. Since we must make choices, let's choose the best with which to influence their thinking. There are many fine literary works available, and it is not necessary to teach what is better left for another time or place.

The student who comes to the reading of literature with an open mind, who knows members of minority groups, will be able to make the distinctions that sensitive writers expect. But the youngster who has not had the benefit of wide friendships, or who has already been exposed to bigotry, perhaps even in his own home, may only be further hardened by these works. The teacher can provide the clearest explanations in the world, but so many of those unfortunate students will just not hear. Their ears will already have been closed by prior "education."

For these reasons, I believe that it is important for us to understand that it is not a matter of book banning, and those who cry "censorship" are only muddying the issue. It is a matter of ethical and professional decision-making in curriculum design. Libraries exist so that books not on courses are available to students, and the ministry of education is now stressing that students read independently. Students are free to choose to read these books, but they should not be mandated for class study.

The best public classroom education for our students is the issue. Minority groups, such as we, have a vested interest in seeing that wisdom prevails, for only then will justice have a chance.



OUR BOYS

Photo taken in London, England shows a group of Canadian World War I service men. They are from left (top) Jack Aarons, Joe Weingarten, Harry Meretsky and Harry Walkleman; (centre) Jack Hamel, Louis Rottenberg, Jack Samuels and Joe Fimark; (bottom) Joe Birnbaum and Harry Weinstein. [CJC National Archives]

Judaism teaches that people can make choices

By
DVORAH WAYSMAN

"For on this day shall atonement be made for you; to cleanse you; from all your sins shall ye be clean before the Lord." (Lev. 16:30)

Thus was instituted Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement — the one Jewish festival, aside from Rosh Hashanah, that does not relate to any historical event or agricultural concept. Most other Jewish holidays have some kind of national significance that even secular Jews can relate to.

Yom Kippur, however, relates only to man's relationship with God and his fellow man, and involves asking forgiveness from God. The days proceeding the Day of Atonement are for man to make restitution and ask pardon from those he may have wronged during the year.

In Hebrew there are about 20 different words denoting "sin," each with a different nuance. The usual rabbinic term is "averah" from the root "avar" — to pass over, and interpreted as a rejection of God's will. Jews believe sin is caused by the evil inclination (yetzer ha-ra), a force which drives one to gratify instincts regardless of the cost.

God said (Kid. 30b): "My children! I created the evil inclination, but I created Torah as its antidote: if you occupy yourself with the Torah you will not be delivered into its hand." Rabbi Ishmael taught: "My son, if this repulsive wretch (yetzer ha-ra) attacks you, lead him to the house of learning; if he is stone, he will dissolve; if iron, he will shiver in fragments." (Kid. 30b)

Freedom of choice is a basic Jewish doctrine — from the first story in Genesis where Adam and Eve are given the option to accept or reject God's commandment. The great medieval Jewish scholar Maimonides wrote: "Every man has the possibility of becoming as righteous as Moses our teacher, or as wicked as Jeroboam; wise or stupid; kind or cruel; miserly or generous..." (Yad, Teshuva 5).

This contradicts a popular Yiddish expression that things are "beshert" or pre-destined. Judaism teaches us that we can make the choices, and go towards righteousness or to sin and its consequences.

Even if our lives warrant punishment, we can still choose to repent — even up to our last hour on earth. This is a wonderful and optimistic aspect of Judaism.

So go and try catching a gefilte fish sometime

By
ELAINE KAHN

What most impresses most visitors to Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Diaspora outside Tel Aviv, is the multiscreen photo projection of Jewish faces from around the world. The faces reflect every known racial group, every nuance of eye, hair and skin tones. Despite this summer's dental world discovery that Jewish teeth worldwide bear more resemblance to other Jewish teeth than to Gentile teeth, it is quite obvious, when standing in Beth Hatefutsoth, that there is no such thing as a Jewish face, except in the minds of anti-semitic caricaturists.

Your average tourist tends to forget all that back at home and will quickly lapse into the familiar realm of "but she doesn't look Jewish" (for the son's fiancée) and "she looks too Jewish" (for the son's fiancée). There is but a small step from there to "I couldn't stand it — he acted so Jewish/had no Yiddish kopf." The loyal but adventurous Jew learns quickly to sneak to the basement when needing a quick fix of marshmallow fluff on white bread.

That white bread is not Jewish is the cliché we grew up with (refined by my mother, as an icebreaker to non-Jewish friends as: "so — you eat a lot of bread in your family?"). I also grew up with that same cliché about tomato aspic, squash and Jello molds, but I think they were just not Jewish in Oshawa, because everyone serves them in the big city, though I still haven't developed a taste for them.

I also grew up thinking, for reasons that escape me now, that fishing is not

Jewish, but it seems to be a big source of entertainment for many urban Jews, despite their inability to catch a gefilte fish — the only certifiably purely Jewish food in existence.

What I do know is that it is not possible to kill a deer kosherly with your car. This means that no Jew who keeps kosher will benefit by one of the more interesting laws passed by the Ontario government this summer, the law that makes it legal to take home any animal you kill on the province's highways, as long as you report the kill. You are not even required to clean up the mess — undoubtedly because cleanup will surface next summer as the newest youth employment scheme.

The government official who announced this policy said he did not think people would now go out of their way to hit animals on the highway... but I'm not so sure. Playing chicken in the car is a long established tradition — playing moose might add just the right new thrill for the non-athletic or the jaded. Fast food of a new order — "oh George, look what I ran across for dinner — sorry I forgot to hose down the tires after hitting that skunk last week."

None of this strikes me as particularly Jewish, unless you're in the shmatte trade and want to have your cape and eat it too. But who am I to judge, especially today when I'm trying to figure out how to explain to my neighbors in Richmond Hill that what we will build outside next week is not a shack but a succah and that it's Jewish to eat supper outdoors in Canada in late October.

I don't even know how much bread they eat.

Opinion

Nazis had a double-edged approach, says historian

The Third Reich, Zionism and Palestinian Arabs

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In 1920, 13 years before becoming chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler dismissed the idea of the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine as "nothing more than a comedy." Had he known better, Hitler would not have been so contemptuous. For by 1937 his own foreign minister, fearing precisely such a development, was compelled to issue guidelines advising German diplomats abroad that the emergence of a Jewish state would be contrary to German national interests.

Germany, throughout the 12-year reign of National Socialism, was ideologically opposed to the creation of an independent Jewish state in Palestine. But, as Francis Nicosia suggests in *The Third Reich And The Palestine Question* (University of Texas Press, \$35), Germany, in an ironic and unintended twist, helped the Zionist movement achieve this very goal.

In effect, the Nazis had a double-edged approach to Zionism, writes Nicosia, an assistant professor of history at St. Michael's College in the U.S.. And this view was probably best propounded in 1922 by Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi ideologue.

On the one hand, Rosenberg hewed to the anti-semitic conspiratorial belief that Zionism was intrinsically a diabolical movement bent on subverting and dominating Germany and the rest of the world.

On the other hand, he recognized the utility of encouraging the Zionist movement in Germany as a means of facilitating the removal of Jews and of combating the assimilationist tendencies of German Jewry.

Only later, in the early 1930s, did Rosenberg and his colleagues realize that Zionism could also be used as an instrument by which to strengthen the German economy (through the increase of exports) and to break the Jewish-led economic boycott against Germany.

These considerations aside, Nazi Germany's perception of Zionism was that of a force to facilitate the emigration of German Jewry. Hitler wanted to get rid of the Jews and, in pursuit of this objective, he was not loath to cooperate with the Zionists, whose overriding aim was to populate Palestine with as many Jews as possible.

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While Jewish assimilationist organizations were dissolved and speeches that advocated a continued Jewish presence in Germany were censored, the German government and its various agencies encouraged Zionist propaganda activities, permitted Jewish Palestinian functionaries to set up training camps for prospective immigrants and promoted legal — and illegal — Jewish emigration to Palestine up to as late as 1941.

At his trial in Jerusalem, Adolf Eichmann, no mean "Zionist" himself, said: "Until receipt of the orders stopping emigration to Palestine, I did not have any instructions to stop emigration... even during the first years of the war."

Nicosia, whose first-rate book is based on hitherto unused German, Israeli, British and U.S. archival material, brilliantly pieces together the intricate connections between German foreign policy, anti-semitism and Zionism. His study extends to 1939.

He writes that the Zionist concept of the Jews as a distinct national or racial community, deserving its own homeland or state, held considerable appeal for many German nationalists and anti-semites during the 19th century. Anti-Jewish agitators like Wilhelm Marr and Adolf Stoecker



Adolf Eichmann

favoured a return of Jews to Palestine, although some anti-semitic publicists, notably Houston Stewart Chamberlain, associated Zionism with the existence of a hoary world Jewish conspiracy.

At the turn of the 19th century, when German anti-semitism was growing dangerously, Zionist leaders looked to Germany for support in advancing their cause. Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism, sought to interest Kaiser Wilhelm II in the Zionist enterprise. In an audience with the king during the course of his visit to Palestine in 1898, he laid out his argument for an alliance between Zionism and Germany.

The influx of Jews and Jewish capital into Palestine, he stated, would greatly strengthen the Ottoman Empire, Germany's weak eastern ally, and thus contribute to Germany's strategic position in the international balance of power.

Wilhelm liked what he heard, and he may well have also been keen about the idea of halting the flow of East European Jewish refugees to Germany, and redirecting it to Palestine. But Wilhelm lost his enthusiasm for Zionism when the Ottoman Turks, sensitive to the views of their Arab subjects, expressed their opposition to a buildup of the Jewish population in Palestine.

In 1918, after Britain issued its famous Balfour Declaration favoring a Jewish homeland in Palestine, Germany renewed its interest in the Zionist option. In a desperate attempt to rally international Jewish opinion, Berlin belatedly came out with a pro-Zionist statement. But it was too late. The war, as far as Germany was concerned, was already lost.

Furthermore, the Ottoman Empire had disintegrated and Britain had established itself in Palestine. In Germany's view, there was thus no longer a need to cultivate the Zionist movement. In the mid-1920s, however, the situation changed when the Germans decided that their economic and cultural interests in the Middle East could best be served by supporting Zionist aims in Palestine. Leading German personalities joined the Palastina Komitee, which had been active before 1918, and the only serious opposition to the government's pro-Zionist policy came from assimilationist, anti-Zionist German Jews.

By the early 1930s, the Middle East began to occupy a more important place in German foreign trade, with Germany's export drive being directed at Iraq, Iran, Egypt and Palestine. (Hitler never showed an interest in Middle Eastern oil, preferring closer sources in the Soviet Union and Romania.)

Palestine, an important market for German machines, cars and building materials, was carefully cultivated by Berlin. In 1933, Nazi Germany signed the so-called transfer agreement with the German Zionist Federation, under which emigrating German Jews could take a portion of their savings to Palestine in the form of German manufactured goods, to be transferred there following their departure. This arrangement, which simultaneously served the interests of Zionism and Nazism, was opposed by non-Zionist Jews who were in the forefront of the world-wide campaign to organize a boycott against German exports.

The boycott was a bust: German exports to Palestine increased considerably, so that by 1937 Germany moved into first place as an exporter to the Palestinian market. Germany succeeded not only in driving a wedge into the anti-Nazi boycott, but in promoting an orderly emigration of German Jews that conformed to the economic needs of the Nazi regime.



Reinhard Heydrich

With few exceptions, the Nazis were so pleased with these developments that SS leader Reinhard Heydrich, in an article in *Das Schwarze Korps*, noted: "The government finds itself in complete agreement with the great spiritual movement with Jewry itself, the so-called Zionism, with its recognition of the solidarity of Jewry throughout the world and the rejection of all assimilationist ideas. On this basis, Germany undertakes measures that will surely play a significant role in the future in the handling of the Jewish problem."

National Socialism

was opposed

to establishment

of independent

Jewish state

In spite of Heydrich's hardheaded attitude toward Zionism, fears began to emerge in Nazi circles that the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab enclaves would ultimately pave the way for an independent Jewish state, a faux pas in Nazi thinking. The Nazis could tolerate a concentration of Jews in Palestine, but not an actual sovereign Jewish nation.

But Nazi policy in the Middle East went beyond such considerations, Nicosia says.

Although Palestinian Arabs clamored for German support in their struggle against Jewish settlement, Hitler, before 1938, preferred to follow a policy of non-involvement in Palestinian affairs, and went so far as to turn down Palestinian Arab requests for arms.

Hitler's attitude was grounded in Realpolitik. He accepted the post-1918 colonial arrangements in the Middle East which gave Britain and France mandates; he did not want to alienate Britain, with whom he sought an alliance; he deferred to Italy's ambitions in the eastern Mediterranean basin; he did not consider the Middle East as crucial to his geopolitical calculations; he could not, for racist reasons, back the Arabs, whom the German consul in Jerusalem described as weak, vain, corruptible and incapable of sustained political and military action.

Fritz Grobba, one of the leading Arabists in the German foreign service, wrote in his memoirs that Germany's Middle East policy was one of "wasted opportunities." Germany, he lamented, did not exploit Britain's difficulties in Palestine, nor did it sufficiently back the Arabs.



Theodor Herzl

Moreover, as Nicosia points out, Hitler did not wish to endanger the small German community in Palestine, caught in the tripartite conflict pitting Arab against Jew and Jew and Arab against British. The local Germans, consisting of some 1,800 souls, maintained an official policy of neutrality vis-a-vis the Arab-Jewish dispute. And the estimated 300 ethnic Germans who joined the Palestinian branch of the Nazi Party by 1937 kept a very low profile. (Germany, not wishing to upset Britain, prohibited Arab membership.)

The dilemma Germany faced in Palestine must have been painful: The Germans had to prove to the British authorities that they were not actively supporting the Arab rebellion (which flared from 1936-1939) and to the Arabs that they were not in league with the British and the Zionists.

After 1937, when hopes of a German rapprochement with Britain faded, the German media launched a campaign against the Peel partition plan and the proposed creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. A year later, Germany embarked on a policy of "limited intervention" in Palestine. German intelligence agents based in Beirut extended paltry financial aid to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, an admirer of Hitler, but German weapons were not delivered to the Palestinian Arabs.

Germany, until World War II, continued to support the colonial status quo in the Middle East: the League of Nations mandates in Palestine and Syria. The only countries in the Middle East where Germany actually tried to increase its political influence was in Iran and in Afghanistan, Nicosia notes.

In 1937 and again in 1938, the Nazis signed arms deals with Iraq. In 1939, they signed a deal with Saudi Arabia. The Iraqis got their weapons, but the Saudis, due to the outbreak of war, did not.

Throughout the 1930s, Germany does not seem to have attempted to persuade anti-semitic Poland and Romania to alter their support of mass Jewish emigration to Palestine. And Hitler himself, in spite of Nazi fears that a Jewish state might arise in Palestine, continued to back German Jewish emigration to Palestine.

Nicosia speculates that, in Hitler's assessment, such emigration would have little effect on events there and that a Jewish state would emerge regardless of Germany's policy.

As it turned out, he was only half right.



Adolf Hitler

Opinion

What I intended and wanted to do

Forgive me, friends, for my sins of omission

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Now, that the Days of Awe are reaching their climactic hours, it seems quite proper for me to follow our traditional custom of confessing the sins of commission or omission that I have, or may have been guilty of during the past year.



J. B. Salsberg

At this point most of you may wonder what sins can a guiltless person like myself have to make confessions for? That manner of reasoning speaks well of you.

But, as we all know, even the most devout among us, those who are guiltless do confess on Yom Kippur to sins that they have never committed.

My saintly father (and most likely yours as well) was, as I'm prepared to declare under oath, totally free of sins of any kind. Nevertheless, he stood like a tearful penitent in the synagogue on Yom Kippur, with his praying shawl half over his face, confessing to all conceivable "sins" and "crimes" that were catalogued in the prayer book. I remember, when a very young lad, shedding tears of sym-

pathy and reaching for his hand to give him comfort.

So, maybe one doesn't really have to be sinful to confess on Yom Kippur? Perhaps the soulful confessions of the guiltless become an armor against sin in the coming year?

As for me, your penitent scribe, the confessions that I desire to make are all in the category of sins of omissions and not of commission. In other words, I wish to confess sins of not doing what I should have done, what I intended and wanted to do but, sinfully, failed to do. And, believe it or not, almost all of those sins of omission are rooted in this well-meaning corner to which we throng every week. Yes, it's hard to believe, but I must now, in the season of confessions, publicly confess sins of omissions.

1. **I confess to the sin of not answering letters of our concerned readers.** The fact is that I receive most of our readers' opinions in a most direct, face-to-face fashion. The telephone is another much used channel for frequently offered views and reactions. The third, and most appreciated method of our readers' reactions is the good old method of letter writing.

The trouble is that I lack the facilities and the time to reply to each and every such expression of yours. I'm pressuring management to make facilities available to me. In the meantime kind messages are cramped in drawers, in folders, in briefcases from which their ir-

repressible signals for attention continue to haunt me.

Until matters improve I publicly beat my heart (in the traditional manner when making confessions) and confess to this, my sin of omission.

2. **I confess to the sin of omitting the accustomed relationship between my beloved uncle Eliezer and his renowned band of Thursday night shvitz buddies and you, our highly esteemed readers.**

This regrettable development was neither desired or planned. My relationship with my good uncle and his bosom pals remain as close and as warm as ever. But pressure of other events converged on this oracular corner with threatening demands for immediate attention. Something had to give and, I confess, that some of uncle Eliezer's appearances were postponed.

Yes, I confess to this lamentable sin of omission; I plead for forgiveness and I pledge to redeem myself in the new year.

3. **I confess to the horrendous sin of omitting my annual song-of-praise column during this year's Toronto Jewish Book Fair.**

Yes, I still consider Toronto's annual Jewish Book Fair as one of the most significant cultural events of the year. Organized under the aegis of the Jewish Community Centre and Toronto Jewish Congress it brings books of Jewish content and their authors to the young and old of the "people of the book."

Yes, I never failed to write my annual song-of-praise to this event and I also never failed to sing my songs of praise to the wonderful band of women who plan, and labor, to the point of exhaustion, to bring this annual cultural celebration to ever-greater triumphs.

Immensely painful is, therefore, my sin of omission for not having dedicated such a column this year. I confess my sin publicly even though there were some contributing circumstances as well.

The Book Fair, which always takes place in November, was forced, because of availability of space, to be held in September — a time slot that is totally unsuitable for the fair from every conceivable point of view. This switch of dates also affected my own writing schedule.

But, whatever the reasons, a sin is a sin is sin. I publicly confess to it and pledge to never, but never, commit this sin again.

Oh, there are more sins to confess but, fortunately, there is no more space left. Besides, one must leave a few confessions for next year, no?

So, let us close with the traditional Yom Kippur greetings, that we all be "inscribed in the Book of Life." Why not? We deserve it, no?

Editor's note: We confess to the sin of squeezing JB's column into this fixed space week after week despite his appeals for more space. Unfortunately, we can't promise at this time to do better — but we'll try!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

PROTESTS KILLER'S PROFITS

As parents of murdered children, we were appalled when serial killer Clifford Olson was allowed to profit from the deaths of our children.

We were further horrified when a British Columbia Appeal Court returned the money to him after we had successfully fought a long battle to have the money taken from him.

The fight to recover the money from Olson has been costly and we sincerely appreciate the support we have received from many across Canada.

The people of Toronto have been extremely generous in their support, and we wish to thank the people in Toronto who have sent in donations to assist us in our fight for justice.

Any further donations to assist us in obtaining justice can be sent to Victims of Violence, Provincial Court House, 1A Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton T5J 0R2.

Gary Rosenfeldt
Edmonton

THEY'RE NOT MANIACS

I agree with your recent letter writer Victor Paranass ("Uganda instead of Israel?" Sept. 4) that the violence perpetrated by ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews in Israel is shocking. But that is as far as our agreeing goes.

I differ strongly when he calls both groups "maniacs."

Webster's Dictionary defines maniacs as "wildly insane people."

I have yet to see a psychiatrist's report on the mental health of both groups.

I maintain when you take any two groups from different environments and put them together in any country, there's bound to be friction.

Yehudah Barzel Yisroel
Toronto

KUDOS TO CSILLAG

I enjoyed Ron Csillag's review of the tribute dinner to the Israel Defence Forces organized by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel at the Sheraton Centre on Sept. 14.

Proceeds from this dinner are going toward the construction of Toronto House, a new wing at the Beer Sheva Soldiers' Centre.

Please note that the cost of this new wing will be \$2,000,000, and that a tour to Israel is planned for 1987, to dedicate this new multi-purpose facility.

Gil Kezwer
Toronto



Jacques Offenbach, Jewish composer of *Orpheus In The Underworld*, helped popularize the can-can.

YES, CAN-CAN COMPOSER JEWISH

To settle a bet, can you tell us whether Jacques Offenbach, the composer whose *Orpheus In The Underworld* popularized the can-can, was Jewish or not?

Avram Stein
Toronto

Editor's note: Yes, he was. Offenbach (1819-1880), born in Cologne and a Parisian since the age of 16, not only created the legend of Gay Paree, but also composed the more serious masterwork, Tales of Hoffmann.

COACH SETS US STRAIGHT

In a recent CJN column about the 1986 Maccabi Youth Games, your writer stated that the Toronto Maccabi soccer team's bronze medal was the first youth soccer medal ever earned by a Canadian team.

We would like to congratulate Toronto Maccabi for their fine showing at the Youth Games. However, at the inaugural Youth Games in 1982 at Memphis, Tennessee, Hamilton's soccer team won a silver medal for Canada.

Trust this sets the record straight. It's true, because I was coach of the Hamilton soccer team in 1982.

Jerry Bromstein
Hamilton, Ont.

COMBAT ABUSE OF ELDERLY

Na'amat Pioneer Women are grateful for your accurate and comprehensive report of the open forum on abuse of the elderly which our organization recently sponsored.

Now that so many Canadian Jewish News readers have been alerted to this alarming problem, we hope that the awareness will lead

to action and pressure by the public to remove impediments to legislative change.

On behalf of all those who will ultimately benefit from this exposure, we thank you for your excellent coverage.

Norma Barkin
Toronto

NUKE POWER INEFFICIENT

Sidney Joseph, in his recent letter headed "Nukes vs. Dark Ages," argues that phasing out nuclear plants is unrealistic unless an alternative that "does not turn us back into the dark ages" can be proposed.

Nuclear power provides less than 2% of the energy Canadians use, but places millions at risk.

There are many alternatives. In Ontario, home of all but two of Canada's commercial reactors, we could replace them easily just by investing in efficiency technologies that the silicon chip revolution has already made available at costs that make the nuclear industry a poor competitor.

The Canadian economy is one of the least energy-efficient in the world.

When the next generating station was to be a relatively cheap hydro dam, we had no incentive to spend money on more efficient motors or lighting systems.

Now we face increasing electricity rates to pay for dangerous nuclear plants and it's time to invest in efficiency technologies instead.

The problem is that efficiency technologies cannot be expected to compete with highly subsidized nuclear plants that the utilities depreciate over 40 years.

If the Ontario Hydros of this world had to face the full costs of nuclear power, we would not be watching them spend our billions to finish the Darlington plant.

They would be advertising the availability of light bulbs that use 80% less power to provide the same light, instead of campaigning to have us "Go electric."

David Poch
Energy Probe
Toronto

MID VIEWS EXTRA BILLING BAN

Re the recent controversy over Ontario's Bill 94 banning extra billing and the medical profession's strike over the issue:

At first glance, Bill 94 seems to be concerned with money and only with money. But, if this is so, I urge you to ask yourself: Why did 70% of the doctors in the province withdraw their services when only 6% "extra bill"?

Why did the doctors refuse a \$100 million offer from the government in increased fees for experienced physicians?

Why did several prominent Toronto doctors refuse to succumb to a government offer to double their fees for therapeutic abortions?

Why did thousands of physicians who do not, have not, and never intended to extra bill, go on strike at a personal cost of hundreds of dollars in lost income?

That these questions can even be asked should be sufficient evidence to counter any simplistic suggestion that the physicians' opposition to Bill 94 is in any way founded on "greed."

What then is the issue? It is simply this:

The physicians correctly perceive that Bill 94 is the first step in a cleverly concealed attempt by the government to assume full control of the health care system.

This is not merely fanciful nor paranoid on our part.

Political scientists, sociologists, indeed any careful observer of the health care situations in other jurisdictions where medicine has become a state monopoly (witness Great Britain or Quebec), have recognized a common and recurring pattern.

First the banning of extra billing then some form of limitation on the number of patients seen per day by any physician, then a limitation on the number of visits per patient per illness, then the limitation in the number and kind of laboratory tests permitted to each patient or each physician, then the limitation on the number of doctors allowed to practice in any given location.

The list is endless. In Great Britain some patients wait three to five years for non urgent hemorrhoid surgery, hernia repairs, and gall bladder removals. More urgent cases such as breast biopsies may wait more than one year.

This is what state control of medicine means, and this is precisely what we physicians are fighting.

The extra billing ban is the first step toward an Orwellian nightmare, and it is my heart felt hope that our patients can and will see beyond what the strike may have done to them, to what the strike had hoped to accomplish for them in the future.

Dr. S. J. Stern
Ajax, Ont.

CLARIFIES EDUCATIONAL ROLE

In reference to the Montreal edition's Aug. 21 article "Day school program for gifted students functions well..."

It is of utmost importance that a clarification be made as to the role of our organization, the Association for the Advancement of Jewish Education.

AAJE is indeed an umbrella organization of Home and School/Parent Associations of the Hebrew day, afternoon and nursery school system.

AAJE provides the opportunity for representatives of the various schools to meet, compare and exchange information of mutual interest.

AAJE aims at educating its membership, so that its parent members can work within their school system, hand in hand with teachers and administrators, with the common goal of always striving to perfect their children's education.

Marilyn Nayer
Montreal

World-National

UNIFIL hasn't been effective buffer, UN told

Shamir: Peacekeepers can't combat terrorists

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the Soviet Union toward Israel.

Shamir referred to substantial progress in Israel's diplomatic relations with the Black African nations. "We extend the hand of friendship and cooperation to all African nations, and we expect many more countries to resume full diplomatic relations with Israel in the near future," he said.

Shamir also clarified Israel's position toward the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), a subject of intense debate at the UN in recent weeks. "International forces are most effective when they serve as buffers between two states that share a commitment to pacify their common border. Unlike Israel's neighbors on two other borders this is not the case with Lebanon," Shamir said.

"This is why UNIFIL, unlike the multinational force in the Sinai and UNDOF in the Golan Heights, has been unable to act as an effective buffer from the day it was established by the UN. Peacekeepers cannot be asked to combat terrorists. That role must be left to the governments

and the people in the area of turmoil. We shall continue to cooperate with UNIFIL, as we maintain the necessary security arrangements to defend our northern border."

Shamir devoted much of his address to the major threats facing Israel, the Middle East and the civilized world from terrorism, the escalation of the conventional arms race in the Middle East, the dangers of nuclear weapons and the problem of chemical warfare.

He said there is "considerable evidence" that Syria among other states in the Middle East, is

"developing a chemical warfare capability. The most dramatic development has been the increased use of chemical weapons by Iraq in its war with Iran." Shamir also said Israel supported negotiations to establish a nuclear-weapons free zone in the Middle East.

He denounced Arab terrorism and the Palestine Liberation Organization which he called the "linchpin of this alliance in terror."

The PLO "pioneered the art of hijacking, bombings, kidnappings and massacre on an international scale," Shamir charged. "In the

decade preceding 1982, the PLO used its mini-state in Lebanon to train and arm terrorist groups from five continents, from left-wing extremists to neo-Nazi gangs," he said, while Libya, Syria and Iran trained and financed the terrorists and provided them with safe havens.

Shamir urged the member states of the General Assembly to go to the source of terrorism, the regimes that support and protect terrorists. "We must isolate and punish these terrorist states. We should shut down their embassies, expel their diplomats, curtail trade with them and coordinate a military response if they persist in attacking us," Shamir said.

"Those who refuse to address the problem of state-sponsored terrorism are not merely failing to solve the problem; they are facilitating its expansion."

When Shamir began his address, delegates from every Arab country, with the exception of Egypt, left the hall. A representative from Jordan, described as a low-level delegate, remained for the duration of Shamir's address.

The significant difference during this year's address by an Israeli leader, according to a spokesman for the Israel mission to the UN, was that a number of Soviet bloc and African countries, had one or two low-level delegates present throughout the address.

The Soviet bloc coun-

tries represented included the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. African and Asian nations which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel but nevertheless had at least one delegate present during Shamir's address included Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Togo, Kenya, Gabon, Senegal and Sri Lanka.

At a press conference after addressing the assembly, Shamir said that the most important meeting he had during his week in New York was with Secretary of State George

Shultz. He said they discussed all aspects of economic and strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S.

Shamir said that Shultz noted the impressive advances Israel has made on the economic front and advised Shamir to encourage the private sector to play a larger role in Israel's economy. The two men agreed that Israel cannot afford to reduce defence spending.

Shamir returned later to Israel. He said his first order of business would be to begin preparing an agenda for his upcoming 2-year tenure as Premier.

Shamir will fill top position again

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department. In March 1975 he was elected chairman of the executive committee, a post to which he was re-elected unanimously in March 1977. He was elected to the 8th Knesset on the Herut ticket in December 1973, and served on the defence and foreign affairs committee and on the state control committee.

On May 13, 1977 Shamir was elected to the 9th Knesset and, upon its convening was elected Speaker of the House. He was appointed minister of foreign affairs in March, 1980 and was reconfirmed in the post on Aug. 5,

1981, following his re-election to the 10th Knesset.

After Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resignation, Shamir became Israel's 7th Prime Minister on Oct. 10, 1983. In addition, Shamir continued to serve as minister of foreign affairs.

Upon the formation of the national unity government on Sept. 14, 1984, Shamir assumed the position of vice-premier and minister of foreign affairs for the first 25 months of the term of the 22nd Government. Shamir will be the Prime Minister for the second half of this government's term of 30 months.

Feinberg served at Holy Blossom

Controversial rabbi dies

RENO, Nev. —

Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, who served as senior rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple for close to 20 years, died here over the weekend after a lengthy fight against cancer. He had celebrated his 87th birthday on Sept. 14. He was the Temple's rabbi emeritus at the time of his death.

During his illness Rabbi Feinberg was frequently in contact with his many friends in Toronto — often through letters to The CJN. He wrote of his determination to carry on his efforts on behalf of humanity, despite his illness, "until the Lord retires me."

In his long career the rabbi never backed off from head-on attacks against presidents and prime ministers, entrenched religion and what he, himself, called "economic oppression of the poor."

He led demonstrations against the Viet Nam war in the United States, brought home a dragon-headed cane from North Viet Nam, leader Ho Chi Minh and an offer from the Viet Nam leader to meet President Lyndon Johnson. Johnson ignored the bid.

Honesty impelled the rabbi to take stands unpopular with many.

When he had become one of the most popular rabbis in the U.S. he suddenly quit, denouncing



Rabbi Abraham Feinberg

organized religion as dead — "a deserted lighthouse while the tides of human energy beat on other shores."

He became a famous radio crooner, Anthony Frome, in 1932, earning as much as \$1,500 a week singing to swooning fans. The nickname "Tony" followed him the rest of his life.

He returned to the pulpit in 1935, declaring he could no longer use the radio for love ballads when Adolf Hitler "was using it to malign and destroy the Jewish people."

In his later years, he wrote a book called *Sex And The Pulpit*, in which he defended the right of the elderly to have sex.

There should be less emphasis on bingo and

dominoes for the aging and more on dating and mating," he urged.

Rabbi Abraham L. (the L. stood for nothing, he said) Feinberg was born Sept. 14, 1899, in Bellaire, Ohio, a coal-mining town where his father, a cantor, kept starvation at bay for a family of 10 children by mending umbrellas.

He was ordained a rabbi in Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, in 1924. By 1927, he was rabbi of Temple Israel, the second-largest Reform Jewish congregation in New York City.

It was from Temple Israel that he vacated the pulpit with his world-famous denunciation of organized religion. The rabbi returned to the pulpit in 1935 and, after being turned down, for medical reasons, as a U.S. armed forces chaplain in World War II, he came to Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple late in 1943.

During the postwar years, Rabbi Feinberg was in constant turmoil, speaking out against the cold war, nuclear arms, racism, "the self righteousness of Jewish Orthodoxy" and what he called "Canadian carbon-copy subservience to the U.S."

At mass meetings in Canada and the U.S. and in Red Square, Moscow, he spoke out for "bread, not bombs."

He retired from Holy Blossom in 1961 and wrote a book called *Storm The Gates Of Jericho*.

When the late John Lennon and wife, Yoko, held

a "bed-in-for-peace" in Montreal in 1969, his voice was dubbed into their recording of *Give Peace A Chance*. Later, at age 70, he limbered up the vocal chords from his Anthony Frome days to record a 10-song album. In 1971, his wife of 40 years, Ruth Katsch, died of cancer. He moved to California to be close to his son, Dr. Johnson Feinberg, in San Mateo. A daughter, Sarah Jane Grove, is a writer for The Toronto Star.

In San Francisco, he became associated with Glide Memorial United Methodist Church with the title, rabbi-in-residence.

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Jerusalem denies latest bomb claim

LONDON —

The Israeli government has denied a story published over the weekend in the London Sunday Times that Israel has an arsenal of up to 200 nuclear weapons, manufactured at a top-secret plant and buried six storeys underground in Dimona, in the Negev.

The newspaper said its report was based on information by Mordechai Vanunu, a 31-year-old former technician at the plant, who, said the story, was "made redundant" last November

after security inquiries about his political contacts with West Bank Arab students.

The newspaper said it presented details of its story to the Israeli embassy in London, which replied: "It is not the first time stories of this kind have appeared in the press. They have no basis whatsoever in reality and hence, further comment on our part is superfluous."

The story was featured in a banner headline on the front page of Toronto's Sunday Star.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

As you know, the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is 5 p.m. Monday, the week prior to issue date. Since Monday, Oct. 13, is Yom Kippur, the deadline for the Oct. 23 issue is moved back to Friday, Oct. 10. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls.

Thursday, Oct. 9

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Chavurat Hamasoret, the Jewish study program for young adults, continues Thursday, Oct. 9 at Adath Israel Synagogue. The first session will begin at 7.30 p.m. with **Harold Malitzky's** Torah study class, followed at 8.45 by a session with **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** on The Legitimacy of Dissent — Tolerance in Jewish Life.

At next week's session, **Rabbi Philip Scheim** will discuss Is There Life After Death? A Jewish Approach to the Afterlife.

For more information about Chavurat Hamasoret, call **Jonathan Shiff** in the afternoons at 789-2193.

Saturday, Oct. 11

SHABBAT SHUVA LECTURE

On Saturday, Oct. 11, **Rabbi Moshe Stern** will deliver the annual Shabbat Shuva lecture at 5 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. The topic will deal with various aspects of repentance and how it affects our daily lives.

The community is invited.

YOUNG MARRIEDS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Married Couples Club invites all those interested to join members for bowling on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8.30 p.m.

For more details about this program and future events, call **Gail Copeland** at 636-4090 (evenings) or **Susan Binder** at 789-9787.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

TRACING JEWISH FAMILY ROOTS

At the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, **Dr. Rolf Lederer**, psychiatrist, who is connected with the Toronto Jewish Genealogy Society, will speak on Tracing Your Jewish (Family) Roots. Meeting begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

HILLEL/JSU, U OF T

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto is having a succah building party at the JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave., at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 14, complete with free drinks for the construction crew.

ONTARIO FIBROSITIS SOCIETY

The founding meeting of the Ontario Fibrositis Society is set for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7.30 p.m. at the Manufacturers Life Building, Centennial Room, 200 Bloor St. E. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Hugh Smythe**, chief of rheumatic disease unit, Wellesley Hospital. Program will also include election of the executive. The public is welcome and there is no charge.

Janice Banigan and fellow sufferers of fibrositis, a type of arthritis, spearheaded the Metro Toronto group, with the help of the Arthritis Society, to provide mutual support and information dissemination. Other chapters are being formed in Windsor, Chatham and Ottawa.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

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Kligman on the shloshim of his death will take place Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

The evening is under the auspices of the Labor Zionist Alliance, Achdut Haavoda, Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress and the Yiddish Culture Council.

BBW CHAPTER MEETING

Golda Meir Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, is holding a membership evening on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker lawyer **Corinne Korzen** will speak on Family Law and You. For further details, contact **Doris** at 223-0050.

PUCCINI'S GRANDDAUGHTER

The Resource Centre for Career Performing Artists will be host to the visit of **Simonetta Puccini**, granddaughter of composer **Giacomo Puccini** in Toronto Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Miss Puccini, president of the Institute of Puccini Studies in Milan, will discuss her grandfather's works and introduce the film, *Vissi d'arte* — Tosca, a documentary with interviews and performances by some of the great names in opera.

The presentation will take place at the Royal Conservatory of Music Concert Hall, 273 Bloor St. W., beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors. For information, call 362-1422.

Thursday, Oct. 16

NEIGHBORHOOD CRAFTERS SALE

The Neighborhood Crafters 9th annual show and sale will be on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 4-9 p.m. at Three Valleys Public School, 76 Three Valleys Dr., Don Mills.

It will feature a wide assortment of crafts, such as pottery, knitting, stuffed animals, quilted pillows, stained glass, wood carving, copper enamel jewelry, porcelain painting, silk flowers as well as demonstrations, baking and a snack bar.

Donations will be going to the school.

FRIENDS OF NATUROPATHY

Friends of Naturopathy is presenting a health enhancement class on Thursday, Oct. 16. Featured speaker, **Dr. Leo Roy** will discuss Natural Medicine of the Future. Moderator will be **Howard Levine**.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. For more information, call 787-8900.

And What Else Is New...

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

Can you spare three weeks? Israel calls upon men and women ages 17-65 to volunteer for three weeks of work on a non-combat military base thereby relieving an Israeli citizen from serving his month-long reserve duty, according to the Toronto based Volunteers for Israel organization.

Not only does the volunteer's presence make it possible for the Israeli to remain at home with his family and carry on with his job, it also saves Israel the subsidy which would have been paid to that person during this time. In addition, this will give you a chance to see Israel and make a valuable contribution to Israeli society.

For information, contact the Volunteers for Israel Canadian head office in Toronto at (416) 781-6089 or branch offices in Winnipeg (204) 943-6494; Vancouver (604) 266-5333; Edmonton (403) 487-0901; Montreal (514) 934-0804.

SHALOM VILLAGE HAMILTON

Weekly programs at Hamilton's Shalom Village during October include — Yiddish Club on Saturdays at 3 p.m. with **Rena Freeman**; baking group on Monday mornings with **Janis**; mosaic tile on Mondays at 2 p.m. with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli**; current events on Tuesday mornings with **Mark Nagler**; readings with **Karen Beer**; special films every Wednesday morning; ceramics on Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; bingo on Mondays and Wednesdays with **Newly Howard** and **Fanny Davine**; exercises daily with **Bernie Burg**; crafts program with **Lil Wolfson** and **Zelda Rostoker**; Saturday night movies, and kumsutz with **Helen Yellin** on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 3 p.m.

KOFFLER GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Daniel Crichton, **Francois Houde** and **Fay Rooke** will be participating in an exhibition en-

titled Current Explorations in Glass and Enamel running at the Koffler Gallery Oct. 15-Nov. 21. This exhibition will highlight their development over the last few years.

The Creative Eye: Ten Canadians' Impressions of Switzerland, an exhibition of art work by 10 Canadian artists, inspired by a recent trip to Switzerland and guided by Koffler Gallery School of Visual Arts instructor **Renata Realini**, is on at the Koffler Loggia Gallery Oct. 15-Nov. 21.

The gallery is located at 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, call 636-2145.

SAY IT IN HEBREW

Just for the fun of it, say it in Hebrew! Fluent and not-so-fluent Hebrew speakers are invited to discuss, laugh, eat, drink, debate and sing together — all in Hebrew at Moadon Tzavta's new Chug B'Ivrit.

A wide range of topics will be examined including daring films, fast food, religious quandaries, corny songs, sophisticated essays, communal tensions, political paradoxes, scientific discoveries, economic sleight-of-hand, social breakthroughs and more.

Meetings take place at Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W. Suite 158, The Tuesday, Oct. 21, session will deal with Israel's Rotating Government; Nov. 11 will be a cultural evening and on Dec. 2 the topic will be Israel's Economy — Comedy or Tragedy. Hebrew newspapers and magazines will be available and current Israeli cultural/public affairs/news videos will be shown from 7.30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

This program is presented by Brit Ivrit Olamit and moadon Tzavta. For further information, call **Yigal Gilboa** at 736-1339.

CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR?

In our community live a group of seniors. They are able to function independently and do many things for themselves. But days and evenings can be very long and lonely.

The Elm Ridge Group Living Residence at 165 Elm Ridge Dr. needs you. Please come and visit, have a cup of tea, go for a walk with residents, or come by after dinner with the kids. Perhaps you have a skill, interest or talent you can share.

Please call **Shirley Worth** at Jewish Family & Child Service at 638-7800 and say "Yes! I have time to care!"

HEBREW CONVERSATION

Shaarei Shomayim adult education offers classes for beginners and intermediates, starting Tuesday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$25 per term.

For information, call 789-3213.

SUNDAY EVENING BALL HOCKEY

The Sunday evening ball hockey season returns Oct. 19. A few players, men ages 20-40, are still needed. There is no cost.

For details, call **Daniel** at 224-3947 during business hours.

EXHIBITORS WANTED

Exhibitors are wanted for Bayview Glen Public School's pre-Chanukah bake and craft sale, Fun Fair Festival, scheduled for Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school, 42 Limcombe Dr. (off Laureleaf). If you are interested, call 886-2879 or 731-6414.

ISRAEL TODAY RADIO

Israel Today Radio airs on CKMW Radio 790 Sundays to Thursdays from 11 p.m. to midnight with two announcers (one in Hebrew, one in English) broadcasting news and sports from Israel, songs from the Israel hit parade, interviews, and segments of what's happening in the Toronto Jewish community.

You can also call in your record requests to honor someone or mark a special occasion. The number is 453-3354. The address is 83 Kennedy Rd., Brampton L6W 3P3.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required mornings for a 1-hour program for a 4-year-old mildly autistic child. If you can help, call 731-7598.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF LONDON

Temple Israel of London, Ont., is a fairly new Reform congregation with a present membership of over 65 families.

Rabbi Richard Hertz, who served as senior rabbi of Temple Beth El of Detroit since 1953 and became rabbi emeritus in 1982, is the acting spiritual leader. Until a full-time rabbi is hired,

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SMILES ALL AROUND

Marshal (Mickey) Cohen, (centre), keynote speaker at Outlook 87, a joint UJA Accountants and Lawyers function, is flanked by program participants. From left are Leon Bleiwas, Marvin Kates, Eddie Goodman and Murray Perelman. [Graphic Artists photo]



FAMOUS ARTIST HELPS SYNAGOGUE

Internationally famous Israeli artist **Yaacov Agam** (left) discusses building plans for the Beth Avraham Yosef Synagogue with synagogue chairman of the board **Lawrence Cherniak** (centre) and architect **Richard Idels** at a fund raiser held at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Mr. Agam's 1-man exhibition was auctioned that evening raising more than \$50,000 for the synagogue construction. [Abbey Newman photo]

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Rabbi Hertz will be visiting the new congregation on a monthly basis.

Rabbinical student **Michael Marmur**, son of **Rabbi Dow Marmur** of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, is once again conducting the High Holiday services.

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogy Society meets on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. for a Succoth party at the home of **Rayzel Robinson** and **Simcha Paull** who will be making a presentation on How to Bring Your Genealogical Tree to a Wedding. Refreshments will be served.

For details and to RSVP, call 736-5178 days or 783-6351 evenings.

ACT NOW!

Act now! The Leah Posluns Theatre School is still accepting registrations for these adult courses — Scriptwriting with **Ken Gass**; Directing Workshop with **Lewis Baumander**; Musical Theatre for those with a Broadway bent with **Tom Diamond**, **John Karr** and **Caroline Smith**; and Daytime Acting with **Rose Dubin**.

Call now! The number is 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.

JSF TRIP TO ISRAEL

Jewish Student Federation of York University is sponsoring a Chanukah trip to Israel Dec. 22-Jan. 5. The trip, for students, singles, couples and anyone interested, will be led by **Rayzel Robinson** and will include (optional) Jewish Women's Conference and/or World Union of Jewish Students Conference.

For information, call 736-5178.

FOR KIDS AND PARENTS

Every fall the Children's Book Store presents a lineup of children's authors, illustrators and entertainers who, in a lively fashion, introduce their new books or records.

These entertaining and educational events for children and parents take place on Sunday afternoons through to Dec. 7, at the store, 604 Markham St. Call 535-7011 for programs and times.

STRIKE OUT AGAINST LEUKEMIA

The Leukemia Research Fund's annual Bowl-A-Thon takes place the first week in November with open bowling on Sunday, Nov. 2, at Newtonbrook Bowlerama, 5837 Yonge St.

Sponsor sheets can be obtained from the Leukemia Research Fund office. During the week of Nov. 2-9, bowling leagues or league bowlers take completed sponsor sheet to one of your league officials where your best single game score will be validated. Non-league bowlers just need sponsors.

For information and sponsor sheets, call 789-7575.

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

There's never a dull moment at the Metro Children's Aid Society Foundation annual fund raiser. Whether it's face painting or puppets, magic or mime, free refreshments or clowns, the fun is non-stop. Besides, you can meet Muffy the Mouse and the cast of Today's Special, and Polkaroo, and also sing along with **Kim and Jerry Brodey**. In addition volunteers from Child Find Inc. will be photographing and fingerprinting for your records.

So be sure to come out on Oct. 18 from 1-4 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Tickets are \$6 and can be obtained at all BASS outlets or the Children's Aid Society at 924-4646.

U OF T DAY

U of T Day is Toronto's day at the University of Toronto, the biggest-ever celebration bringing together the university and the city. This free campus fall fair takes place Oct. 18 and offers open houses, book fairs, research exhibits, tours, concerts, a football game, float parade, the Scarborough to Toronto Great Computer Race, and much more.

The day-long show begins at 9:30 a.m. with many events ending at 5 p.m. Free maps and programs will be available at the Queen's Park and St. George subway stops.

for seniors

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

A reminder! As you know, the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is 5 p.m. Monday, the week prior to issue date. Since Monday, Oct. 13, is Yom Kippur, the deadline for the Oct. 23 issue is moved back to Friday, Oct. 10. I will be at my desk that day to receive your calls.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Sleep

But Were Too Tired To Ask is the topic of the **Wagman Centre's** health education lecture scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the centre, 55 Amcer Ave. Guest speaker is **Dr. Allan Steingart**, assistant professor of psychiatry at University of Toronto and staff psychiatrist of Baycrest Day Hospital. Register at the Wagman Centre office by Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, features pianists **Lorraine Muter Humber** and **Alain Baudot** with **Wendy Humber Bornstein** on the oboe and English horn. The time is 1:30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

The **Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club** meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. Members enjoy cards and chess and light lunches are available. The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 for interesting lectures and discussions. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there is a meeting for those who have signed up for the Miami trip. Second payment will be due at that time. The next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 11:30 a.m. featuring an Israeli speaker and film.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering Writing the Short Story with **Robin Skelton**, University of Victoria, on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This is open to the public and there is no charge.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 LLI presents **Chaim Avron** in a talk on Jewish Theatre — Yesterday and Today. The public is welcome. Admission for members is free, non-members \$1.50.

Learn how to play mah jong with **Maureen Lindzon-Marsh**, who is giving a 10-session course on Thursdays, from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 16-Dec. 18. Enrolment is limited to 15. Pre-registration is essential. This course is co-sponsored by the North York Board of Continuing Education and is free to all members and seniors over 65. Charge for non-members under 65 is \$2 for each session. For further information, contact **Barbara Resnick** at 225-2112.

Fiddler on the Roof is the program on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12. The time is 2 p.m. Admission is \$1 members, \$1.50 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 15 at 1:30 features **Sarah Hertzberg**, singer of Yiddish and Hebrew songs. After the entertainment refreshments will be served. Admission is \$1.25 members, \$1.75 non-members.

at the jcc

The Early Childhood Services annual gift sale will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. This year promises to be a profitable event for all involved. If you wish to participate as a vendor, contact **Susan Landsberg** at 886-0429.

singles

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JCC Valley Singles Centre invites you to the Autumn Leaves dance on Saturday, Oct. 11, where you can mix and mingle with both old and new friends, enjoy a fun evening of listening and dancing to the music of dynamic deejay **Clarence** and nibble on refreshments. It all begins at 8:30 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is \$4, members (with cards), \$6 non-members. For information, call **Sally** at 889-0813.

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Nurit Chapter (career women mid-30s to early 40s) meets next on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker **Gerry Ankiewicz** will present the program, Sexism in Language. Prospective members are most welcome. For information and directions, call 636-5425 days or 884-8559 evenings.

Orah Chapter B'nai B'rith Women, ages 24-39, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. The evening's theme will be *Garnishing with Gertrude*. Members and prospective members are invited to call **Ruth** at 787-0539 for details.

Total Living Mature Singles pre-Yom Kippur dance on Saturday, Oct. 11, features the music of deejay **Don Del Greco**. The time is 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Sheppard and Bathurst).

Join **Club Netanyahu** 10-pin bowling league and social group (two divisions — 20-40 and 40 plus) for its next open house on Saturday, Oct. 18, at

9:30 p.m. at 33 Samor Rd. For information, call **Howard** or **Harvey** from 5-8 p.m. at 636-9468 or **Stan** at 638-0747 evenings.

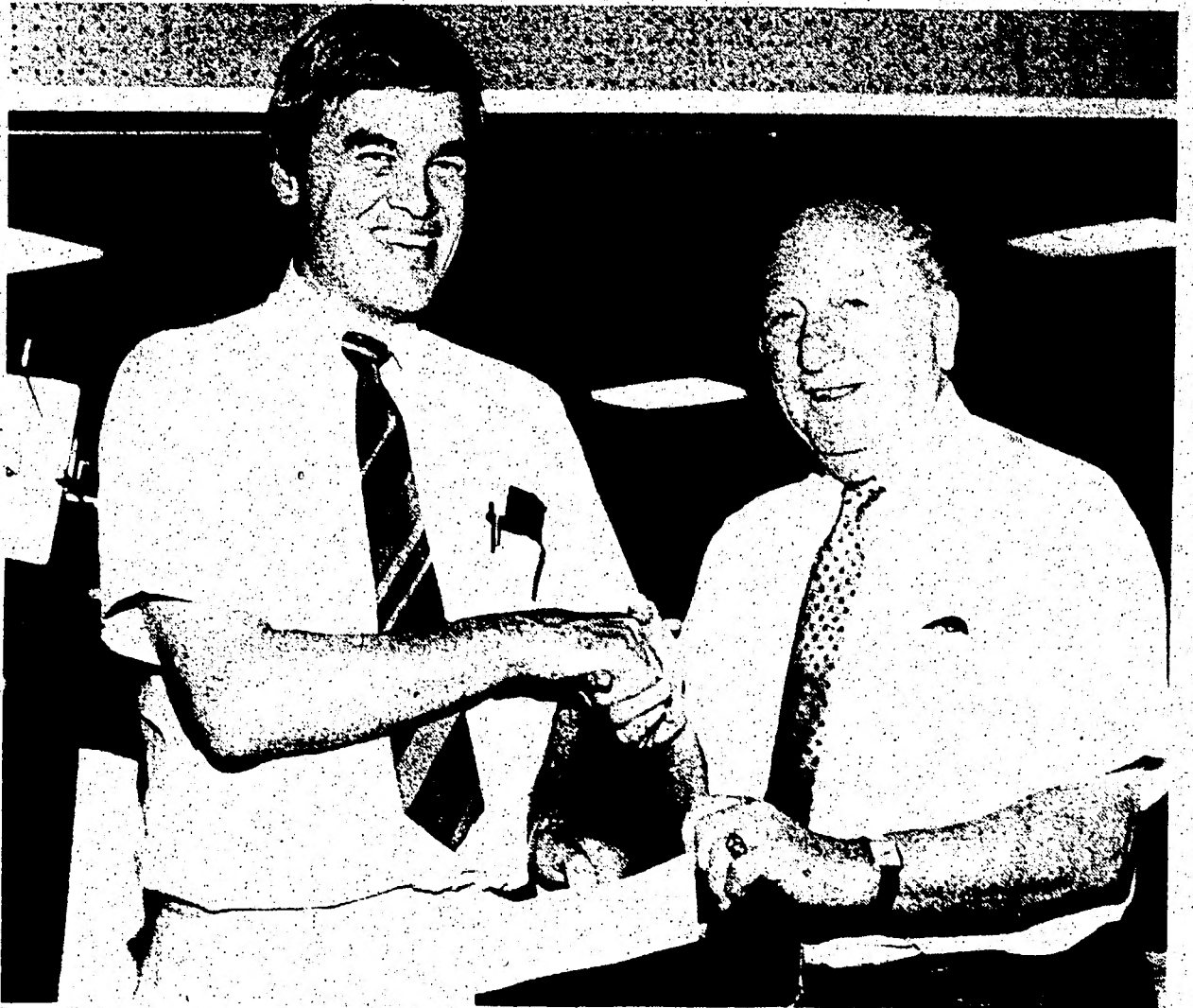
Na'amat Pioneer Women's Club Kallanit (25-35) will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7:45 p.m. The topic of the evening will be Who Are Na'amat Pioneer Women? Prospective members are invited. For details, call 636-5425 days or 787-1069 evenings.

Attention 20-29-year-olds! On Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8:30 p.m., **High Society** will be holding a Saturday Soiree at **Michael's**, 50 Bloor St. W. (next door to Holt's). There will be videos, dan-

cing and a coffee snack. Cover is \$7. Call High Society at 446-1394 for information.

Connecting, a 3-part series of presentations and discussions in the Royal Ontario Museum's Members' lounge, provides an ideal setting for meeting other working singles with similar interests. The second presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 15, will explore Alternative Medicine: Truth and Trends with guest speaker **Merrijoy Kelner**, sociologist in the department of behavioral sciences, University of Toronto. Be there at 5:30.

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CHECK FOR SICK KIDS

Dr. Robert Phillips (left) receives a check from **Adath Shalom** Congregation representative **Mike Rogow** for \$6,800 used to purchase two tissue culture incubators for the Hospital for Sick Children. Phillips said the incubators are essential for research in leukemia and other childhood tumors. The money was raised by the synagogue at a Monte Carlo Night.



AWARD TO ECKSTEIN

The 1st annual memorial volunteer award in memory of Marie and Jack Freedman was presented to **Anita Ekstein** (centre) at the Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly Volunteer Recognition Evening at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue by **Gary Freedman** (right) and **Dr. Ralph Sedletzky**, CSJE president. The Freedmans, longtime volunteers, lost their lives in a tragic fire in June. [Graphic Artists photo]

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p.m. The \$15 admission includes nibbles. There will be a cash bar. For tickets and information, call 586-5788.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a Post Holiday Party on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 8.30 p.m. at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge). This is the first get-together after the summer. Everybody will be there, so don't miss it! Cover is \$6. Door prize is dinner for two at Le Connaisseur.

About People

BEN KAYFETZ SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ben Kayfetz Scholarships have been established in perpetuity at the University of Toronto, funded by the generous donations of Mr. Kayfetz's many friends and colleagues. The

scholarships will be awarded each year to two outstanding students in the Jewish studies program, one who has excelled in a second year course, Modern History of the Jews, and the second in a third year course, The Holocaust.

Miriam Rubin, the first recipient of the scholarship, was selected on the basis of the standing she received during the 1985-86 academic year. Miriam graduated from the specialist program in Jewish Studies in the spring of 1986. During the coming year she will be enrolled in the master's program in Jewish History at McGill University.

Miriam has spent two summers studying in Israel. This past summer she studied Hebrew and Yiddish at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

YESHIVA U. STUDENT

Winnipegger **Julie Aviva Maly**, daughter of **Natan Maly**, is among 205 young women entering Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women (SCW) this fall.

Julie, 18, is interested in accounting. She attended Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.



Julie Aviva Maly

Weintraub seeks to preserve heritage

Roots in Poland revisited

By **PAUL LÜNGEN**

TORONTO —

For Sharon Weintraub, Poland held a magnetic allure.

Not only was it her birthplace and home for the first 2½ years of her life, but for close to 1,000 years Jewish and Polish history intertwined until the Holocaust destroyed the vast majority of Polish Jews.

To be sure, Jews in small numbers still live in Poland — the survivors of what was once a "wonderful culture," in the words of Malgorzata Niezabitowska, author of *Remnants*, a recently published book on Polish Jews.

What confronted Weintraub on her summer visit to Poland were the sad and often empty and neglected monuments to that once thriving culture. Since her return, she has made informing Jews about the need to preserve the remaining artifacts of the Jewish experience in Poland her concern.

"The thing that affected me most strongly was that there are only a few Jews left," she says. The community that remains is by and large an elderly one, without the financial or human resources to see to the preservation of the Jewish cultural heritage.

The artifacts from Jewish life in Poland (prior to the Holocaust, Poland was the home of 3½ million Jews) are in danger of being lost, she says.

Some of the historic cemeteries and synagogues of Poland have been preserved by the government. The tiny Jewish community of 5,000 must maintain the remaining artifacts.

Preserving that "precious legacy" is important to Weintraub, a member of Toronto Jewish Congress' Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Pointing to the exhibit of priceless artifacts of Czech Jewry that was displayed at the Royal Ontario Museum last year,

Weintraub notes that Polish Jewry was much more populous than Czech Jewry and enjoyed a rich and varied cultural life until its destruction.

Where are the artifacts of that civilization? she asks. "There are articles of value in Poland and unless we try to preserve them in some way, we're not going to have them."

During her 4-day trip to Poland, Weintraub visited Cracow, Warsaw and the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

Birkenau was to her a "much more devastating experience" than Auschwitz, only 3 kms. away. She was able to visit the barracks where her mother spent two years of her life, see the train tracks that led into the camp and tour the remains of the crematorium and gas chamber complex.

BB cables Paraguay's leader to protest anti-semitism wave

WASHINGTON (JTA)

B'nai B'rith International, alarmed by a wave of virulent anti-semitism sweeping Paraguay, has sent a cable of protest to President Alfredo Stroessner, urging his government "to act officially and decisively" to stem the tide of bigotry.

The message, signed by BBI president Seymour Reich, noted that Jews are

being attacked in the media and in slick posters prominently displayed in the streets of Asuncion, capital of the land-locked South American country. There are no more than 500 Jews in Paraguay, a nation of over 3.4 million, long a haven for Nazi war criminals who escaped Europe after World War II.

According to Reich, posters urge Paraguayans not to patronize shops own-

ed by Jews "because the money they steal they send to Israel and Moscow." The posters list 20 shops with the names of their Jewish owners.

Another poster has an inscription: "Wanted: Jews, Dead or Alive for killing Christ, for establishing the Communist Party, for causing two World Wars, for bombing Libya and killing children, for planning three world wars."

Israeli prof's topic computerizing heart

TORONTO —

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society will be going to the heart of the matter at its 1986 annual general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre at 788 Marlee Ave.

Guest speaker, Prof. Samuel Sideman will address the meeting on the subject: Computerizing the Heart.

Sideman, chairman of the Technion's Department of Biomedical Engineering and the incumbent of the Matas-Winnipeg Chair in Biomedical Engineering, will be flying in from Rutgers University where he is spending a year as a Dis-



Samuel Sideman

tinguished Visiting Professor.

Sideman initiated the Cardiac System Research Centre at the Julius Silver

Institute of Biomedical Engineering at the Technion. The centre has attracted worldwide attention and two international workshops have already been held there.

The professor's research includes work in biomedical and bio-chemical engineering, in particular, blood purification and analysis of the cardiac system. He has had four books and over 250 scientific papers published.

At the meeting, the president, officer and board members of the Toronto Chapter will be elected. The public is invited and all members and supporters of the local Chapter have been urged to attend.

By error, the names of Rabbi Eliot Feldman and Rabbi Moshe Stern appeared as signatories to the Rosh Hashanah message of the Toronto Board of Rabbis which appeared in last week's Canadian Jewish News.

The names of the Rabbis Feldman and Stern should not have been included among the members of this group.

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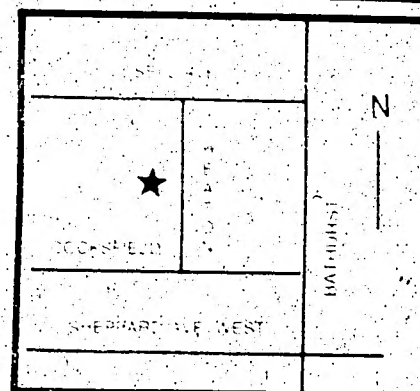
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Primary goal is service, says new Baycrest head

TORONTO —

Maintaining and building on a leadership role in geriatric care, planning for future health care needs of an elderly population, and acting with continued fiscal responsibility were the three priorities cited by Sydney Loftus as he assumed the presidency of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care at its recent annual meeting.

"Our primary goal is service," Loftus said to

the more than 300 staff, patients, residents, board members and volunteers at the meeting. "Our very reason for existence is to care for people . . . to provide them with the best possible care."

The concept of being "consumer-driven" — of constantly changing to meet the changing needs of elderly persons, was a common theme in the speeches at the meeting.

Executive director Ste-

phen Rudin stressed the "passion for excellence" that he said permeates Baycrest Centre.

"Our most passionately held belief — the belief that the needs of our elderly must be met through service and caring — does permeate Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care," Rudin said.

In a tribute to centre staff, Rudin said: "Passion is a strong word that implies such things as involvement, sensitivity,

empathy, caring and concern. 'Excellence' is an equally strong word. One that is closely associated with other words such as superior, admirable, top-flight, quality."

"These words describe a group of people of whom I am particularly proud — the men and women who comprise the staff of Baycrest Centre."

Significant events of the past year were reviewed by Rudin and outgoing president Fred Karp.

The highlight of the year was the move of patients into the new 300-bed Baycrest Hospital on April 1, the culmination of many months of preparation and planning.

"Baycrest Hospital is a dream come true, but at Baycrest Centre, anticipating the future continues," Karp said.

"We are now faced with providing heavier levels of care to an increasing number of the more frail, the more ill. We are translating yesterday's dialogues into active programs," he added.

The meeting was told that initiatives undertaken by Baycrest Centre in the past year include approval of a special day care program for cognitively impaired persons, beginning of the planning process for the renovation of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and development of functional



Sydney Loftus, new president of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, (right) accepts the gavel of office from outgoing president Fred Karp.

Miller new chancellor

EDMONTON —

Forty years ago, Tevie Miller was a cheerleader for the University of Alberta football team. Now, as the university's chancellor, he's a cheerleader for the whole institution.

"I'm proud and excited to serve my alma mater," said Miller, associate chief justice of Court of Queen's Bench, as he was recently installed as chancellor.

The chancellor is a bridge between the community and the university," said university president Myer Horowitz. "Miller has that magic ability of being able to work well with people."

Reflecting on his appointment, Miller said: "My grandparents came to Canada steerage class and



Tevie Miller

could not anticipate a grandchild of theirs serving as both justice and chancellor of such a fine university."

At the installation ceremony, former chancellor Jean Forest read

excerpts from several letters sent to the selection committee in support of Miller's candidacy. They referred to his long tradition of public service and his interest in the community, as well as to the challenges of the position of chancellor.

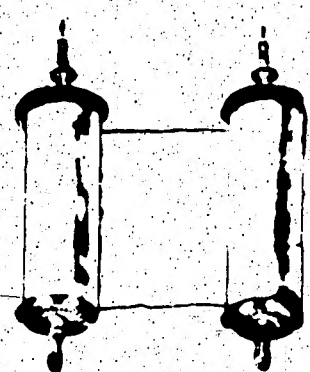
Born and educated in Edmonton, Miller has been involved in politics, education, sports and culture. He has served as president of the Jewish Community Council of B'nai Brith Lodge No. 732 and of the Edmonton Symphony.

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Haazeenu/Shabbat Shuva

If you have faith, there are no questions; if you have no faith, there are no answers.

A Jew must believe — even when it is so difficult.

The daughter of a mitnagid Rabbi died, and he was sorely depressed. Although he did not believe in Hassidus, he decided to visit the Kotzker Rebbe.

The rabbi entered and the Kotzker immediately engaged him in discussion of a difficult Tosefot — a commentary on the Talmud.

The Kotzker raised a hard problem in the Tosefot and the rabbi answered with a profound explanation.

Not satisfied, the Kotzker argued a second point. Again the rabbi responded with a brilliant answer that showed Tosefot correct.

Said the Kotzker: "If Tosefot is in order, then certainly the Almighty is in order, and knows what He is doing."

Before Yom Kippur we raise our eyes and gaze at the Heavens. Who are we? What are we? What is our purpose here on earth?

Moses stood on a mountain overlooking the Holy Land, and called out: "Haazeenu hashomayim! Give ear, O Heavens, and I will speak! And the earth shall hear the words of my mouth."

Moses summoned heaven and earth. But what business did he have with them? It was the Jews he wanted to warn, to teach, to encourage.

But — explains the Stonimer Rebbe — if a Jew wants to hear heaven talk, to sanctify himself, then his "earth" also must pay heed.

A Jew's earthiness — his body — must also be sanctified! We can't become Godly if we are enslaved by the lusts and desire of our bodies. . . more food, more pleasure, more! more! more!

Kadaish atzmecha bimitar lach! Sanctify yourself even with permitted things!

Our whole nation must be sanctified, bound by love and holiness.

Teaches the Midrash: The Holy One will redeem Israel only through Heaven and earth.

Why heaven and earth?

But the land of Israel cannot be built just by "art-zhut," by earth and steel.

Haazeenu shomayim! There must be heaven also, spirituality, Torah, mitzvot, good deeds, charity. Israel is not just a political entity, another country, another flag. It must represent something raised up, spiritual, a light to nations!

But how can we be a light to others, if we fight among ourselves?

Heaven and earth must kiss over Jerusalem.

Honesty comes first. A poor rabbi went to a Jew for a handout. The man gave him a coin, but when the rabbi looked at it, he saw it was counterfeit.

Said the rabbi: "About your charity one can say: 'Vitzeedkato omedet lo'ad . . . His charity will stand forever.'" When he saw the man's puzzlement, he explained: "Your charity will always remain, because I don't dare ever spend it. . . ."

May our forgiveness come easy as ABC — Good Shabbos.

"Psychological transformation needed"

Extremists duel for allegiance

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — The apparent conflict between ultra-religious and secular elements in Israel is symptomatic of an underlying "psychological problem" that must be solved in order to dissipate the tension.

In the process, related issues would also be resolved.

So said Pinchas Peli, Israeli author, Orthodox rabbi, and media personality. He is professor of Jewish thought at Ben Gurion University, and a columnist for the Jerusalem Post.

Peli was addressing a public lecture just before Saturday night selichot services at the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"A psychological transformation is needed," said Peli. "It is up to the secular to apply to themselves Judaism's longstanding traditions."

"The process is beginning," he said, referring to soul searching articles in the secular press that explore the question "what is our relation to Rosh Hashanah." Such features have appeared regularly in the past few years, said Peli.

"You must remember that the grandparents, if not the parents of even the most radical secular Israelis were devout, pious Jews," said Peli. "You must also remember that almost all secular Israelis also view themselves as Jews in their own way."

"According to a recent census, 99.9% of Israelis declared themselves as Jews," he pointed out. Many do not wear kippas in public, participate in religious services at shul or home, he said.

"The majority of Israelis have some tradition or are interested in acquiring more of it," he added. "This is our large silent majority."

Once enough secular

Israelis overcome the anti-religion instilled into them by their parents, the hostility will be solved, said Peli.

How long will that take? "Well," said Peli, "as an old Arab at the foot of a mountain answered an Israeli guide who asked how long it would take to climb up: 'It all depends on how fast you walk.'"

Related issues that would be resolved in the process include:

- "The open life." Can the Orthodox segment impose on the general community its own business and transportation strictures?

- "Marriage and divorce." Do these have to be regulated by Jewish law?

- "The rabbinic." Does the Orthodox rabbinates have to have primacy?

- "Who is a Jew?" According to Peli, "the problem really is: who is a rabbi? In other words, the legitimacy of a conversion is dependent on the rabbi."

- "Army service." Should yeshiva students have the right to exemption from national army duty?

"All these issues could be resolved with a bit of goodwill by the majority of Israelis," said Peli, "but not as long as extremists do the talking."

Peli pointed out that the religious-secular confrontation serves the interests of a number of groups in Israel. "It sells newspapers and gets people to watch television. Political parties exploit it. The extremists, in escalating the confrontation, force an increasing number of Israelis to take sides."

"In the Diaspora, the confrontation is used as an excuse not to make aliya and as another tool for fund raising," he said.

Peli stressed the dangers of sinat chinom, baseless hatred, which caused the fall of the Second Temple. He traced the religious-secular confrontation to the dissolution of the ghettos in the West, which more or

less gave Jews freedom of choice in social and ritual life.

"The conflict between religious and non-religious Jews is not new, nor was it born in Israel," he said. "It is part of modernity."

He noted that "the Jews who go to Temple Emanu-El don't live in Brooklyn, and vice-versa. Here in Israel, we all live together."

Returning to the ghettos, despite the efforts of both religious and secular extremists, is impossible, he said.

Peli, who described the religious-secular conflict as overexaggerated, noted that some regulations attributed to Orthodox political pressure were in fact expressions of popular will. Closure of Shabbat and the rabbinic jurisdiction over marriage and

divorce were passed almost unanimously by the Knesset. Perceived Orthodox political pressure is actually counterproductive to the spread of Judaism, he said.

Peli's address, part of Beth Tzedec's Dr. Emil and Bessie Glazer annual lecture program, brought rousing applause from the audience which numbered about 200.

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New Human Resources Committee

Benjamin heads TJC group

TORONTO — Michael Benjamin has been named chairman of a new Human Resources Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress. The committee's aim, according to Benjamin: "To develop an approach to making the best use of the TJC's most precious resource — its volunteer and professional people."

The mandate of the HRC is twofold: to develop a comprehensive program to bring new people into the system and to upgrade the skills of volunteers and professionals in the Jewish community.

The ultimate goal, says Benjamin, is to make the most highly skilled and competent people available to Toronto Jewish Congress and its beneficiary agencies. Programs of this type have had great success in other cities, he added.

Benjamin's committee will direct three sub-areas: community development, board development and



The Toronto Jewish Congress Human Resources Committee, from left: Gerry Richler, Michael Benjamin, Joanne Cooper, Linda Kahn.

professional development.

The Community Development Committee, chaired by Linda Kahn, encompasses several programs. A referral and placement sub-committee is establishing a computer database of volunteers and placement opportunities within the community. The database will be used to match volunteers with placements, to schedule orientation and training and to monitor placements. This committee will be the liaison between Toronto Jewish Congress and the participating TJC agencies regarding volunteers, and will work on developing new placement positions.

The outreach and orientation subcommittee will target specific geographic areas and groups and prepare introductory information programs on the

nature of the community, its structure and services.

The volunteer training subcommittee will work on the initial training of volunteers as well as an ongoing support program to volunteers in the field.

The Leadership Development Program, already well established, recruits promising volunteers who have had some experience in the field and exposes them to an intensive 2-year in-depth program on communal issues and leadership skills. Graduates are placed on committee leadership and board positions.

The second major area, board development, is headed by Gerry Richler. Its two committees work to develop the skills and knowledge of the leaders of the community. The officers and executive subcommittee aim to develop

"a sense of commonality among the officers and executive, and a depth of knowledge on basic issues confronting the community." The department subcommittee "facilitates the cross-fertilization of different committees of Toronto Jewish Congress and provides a broader view of the larger organization," says Richler.

The most immediate project of the board development committee is a Leadership Institute on the weekend of Nov. 26.

The professional development committee, chaired by Joanne Cooper, will work on developing and upgrading the skills of the staff of Toronto Jewish Congress and its constituent agencies "to ensure that top-quality staff is attracted and retained by these bodies."

Yomit program turns 40

NEW YORK —

The Mishna and Halacha Yomit program celebrates 40 years of operation with the distribution of its schedule for 5737.

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Korey delivers fiery speech

New anti-semitism seen coming from the UN

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A "new" anti-semitism — once again emanating from the United Nations — is creeping about the world, warns the director of policy research in the international council of B'nai B'rith.

William Korey, one of the most influential policy makers in the U.S. Jewish community, says Jews can again expect "new verbal violence" from the UN

General Assembly, which recently reconvened after its summer recess.

In a fiery speech to about 300 guests at a recent State of Israel Bonds testimonial dinner honoring Lil and Max Sharp at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Korey warned the 1976 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism is about to be resurrected.

The infamous resolution's original and still-stated purpose is two-fold, Korey said: to delegitimize Israel and to legitimize

anti-semitism.

He credited former U.S. ambassador to the UN, Jeane Kirkpatrick, with preventing Israel from becoming completely isolated within the United Nations.

Nevertheless, Jews in Europe today have anxieties and fears "that have never been so high. Every major synagogue in Europe is a target. When you go to synagogue in Vienna, you are accompanied by men with sub-machineguns."

"You can expect new verbal violence against

Israel in the coming weeks," Korey said. "And the silence is deafening. No wonder anti-semitism is flourishing and violence is on the rise."

And the Palestine Liberation Organization, he warned, is "making a comeback," striking deals with the Shiite Moslems and with the militant Hizbollah (Party of God).

While anti-semitism is "becoming accepted," it is virtually state policy in the Soviet Union, where it "masquerades as anti-Zionism. We must tell the

new pharaohs in the Kremlin to let our people go."

Korey promised "a major initiative" on Soviet Jewry when the superpowers meet next week in Reykjavik, Iceland.

For their part, the Sharps were honored for 40 years of community work.

The Sharps have participated in a variety of community projects, including construction of the first Baycrest Home for the Aged. They are long-time supporters of the Tel Hashomer Hospital, Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and the Technion.

At Shaarei Shomayim, Max was chairman of the building committee when the original St. Clair Ave. structure was built, and he actually completed the building when the original contractor declared bankruptcy.

When the congregation moved into its Glencairn Ave. location, Max was offered the first presidency but turned it down because he was involved in building a Four Seasons hotel in Netanya.

All this was after spending five years in Palestine in the 20s, where he took part in the building of the Technion in Haifa and in helping to set up one of the country's first kibbutzim. Lil is a life member of

Hadassah-WIZO and a longtime volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society. She and Max were married in 1927.

In praising his parents, Issy Sharp, chairman of the

Four Seasons hotel chain, said, "Max and Lil both have gentle strength, but Lil usually gets her way." Forty-four of the Sharps' descendants attended the dinner.

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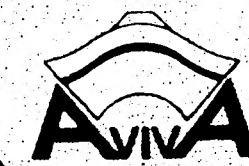
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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Remarkable things have gone on in Israel's foreign relations recently that deserve more appreciation than they have received, says a leading authority on the Middle East.

"Shimon Peres has given us reason to have hope for the future of Israel," says David Schoenbrun, chief correspondent for CBS in Paris and Washington for two decades and author of several books including *The New Israelis*.

Schoenbrun was the keynote speaker at a recent State of Israel Bonds dinner held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in honor of

Jules Surdin, president of the synagogue.

"For the first time in years, an Israeli leader has met with the head of Egypt and Morocco. As well, Israeli officials have sat down with officials of the Soviet Union," Schoenbrun said.

He added that there has been a new opening of diplomatic relations and trade with Black Africa. "Israel is their only true friend in the Middle East," said Schoenbrun.

He said though that hope is "like a fruit orchard coming to bloom. The buds show great promise but they must be protected. So must Israel be protected."

Schoenbrun told the group of about 250 that Israel Bonds help ensure the continued life of all Jewish people. "Our future depends on the continued strength of Israel. She has accomplished things that no other country in the world has accomplished, but she cannot do it alone."

He said that Judaism, Zionism and freedom are all links of one chain. "Any weak link and the whole chain will break," said Schoenbrun.

He said that as North Americans, Israel is the only friend we've got in the "vicious desert of scorpions and madmen known as the Middle East."

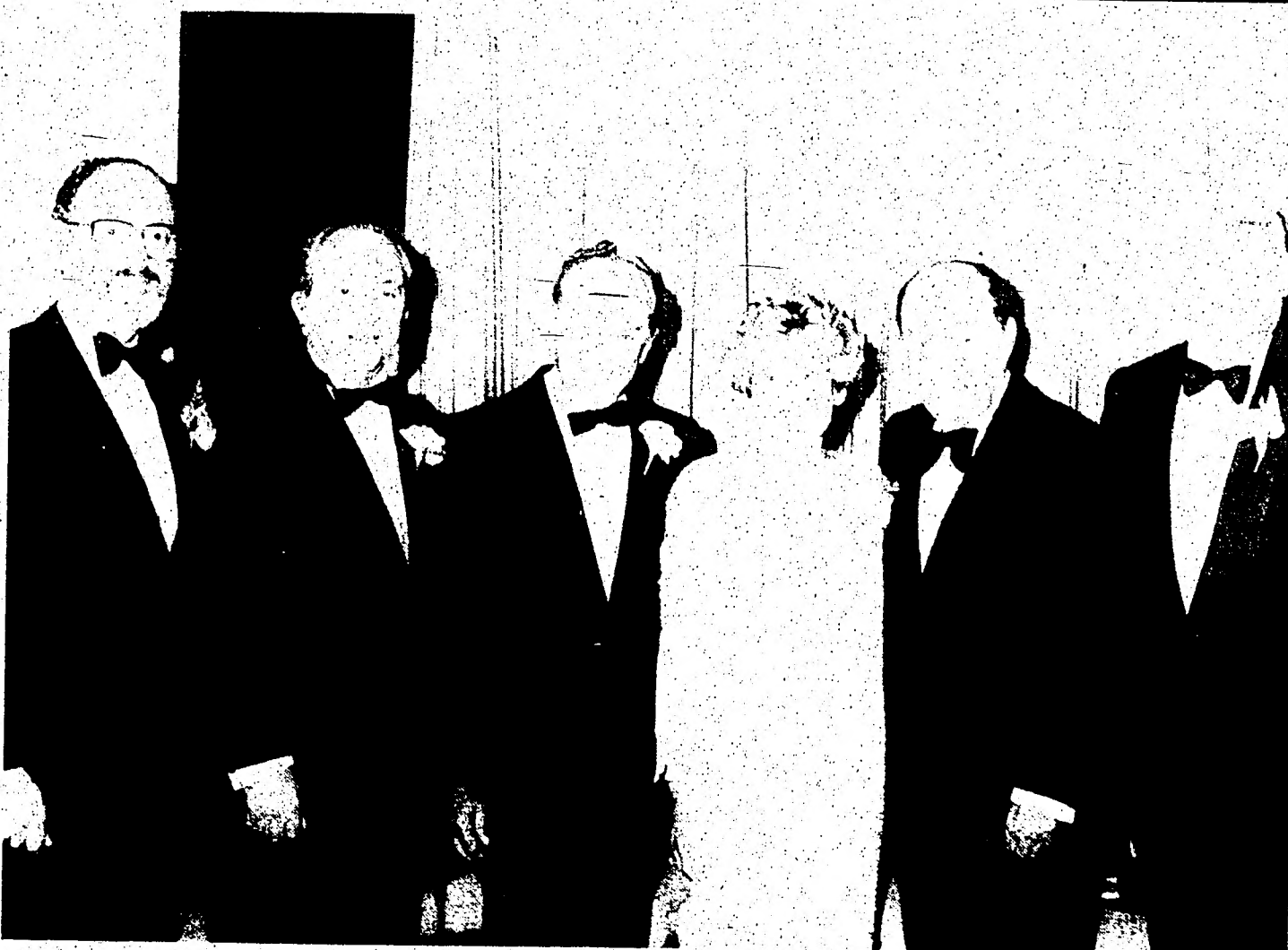
Tribute chairman Joseph Kerzner said that honoree Jules Surdin is a man who helps keep the links of the chain strong. "He has served Jewish institutions and causes beyond the call of duty," said Kerzner.

Among other things Surdin has worked for Israel Bonds, Baycrest Centre, United Jewish Appeal and Bar-Ilan University. "He is truly a credit to our congregation and our community," said Kerzner.

Alex Grossman, general campaign chairman State of Israel Bonds presented Surdin with a Heritage Award recognizing his "tireless devotion and service to Jewish people and to the promotion of the growth of Israel."

Surdin told the group that "just to be able to serve my people is reward enough. This is a bonus."

He added that Israel's achievements have "stirred all our souls. Jews had always dreamed of Israel and it is now a solid reality."



Former CBS journalist and author David Schoenbrun (2nd from right) was guest speaker at State of Israel Bonds and Beth Tzedec Synagogue 100th anniversary and Holocaust Memorial tribute dinner in honor of Jules Surdin. Pictured are (from left) Donald Carr, dinner chairman; Jules Surdin; Alex Grossman, Israel Bonds general campaign co-chairman; Marylyn Light, Beth Tzedec Israel Bonds chairman; and Joseph Kerzner, tribute chairman.

Kanter hopes to be battling Tory leader

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ron Kanter hopes to be a giant killer.

Kanter, Metro councilor for Ward 5, plans to use his background in municipal politics as a springboard to run as the Liberal opponent to Larry Grossman, leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party. Kanter, however, must first win the nomination.

Grossman has held the St. Andrew-St. Patrick seat since 1975, prior to which his father, Alan, represented the central Toronto constituency beginning in 1955.



Ron Kanter

In remarks announcing his candidacy, Kanter pointed out that "well over half of Ward 5 is included in St. Andrew-St. Patrick." He noted that he won "tough" Ward 5 municipal election campaigns in 1980 and 1985, garnering 10,000 votes last time out and defeating Ying Hope by 4,000 votes.

(In the last provincial election in May, 1985, Liberal candidate Jim DaCosta managed only a

3rd place finish with 6,330 votes, or 24.5% of the tally, behind Grossman's 10,332 votes, or 40.1% of the total. New Democrat candidate Meg Griffiths finished 2nd with 8,373 votes, or 32.5%.)

Citing his 6-year record in civic politics, Kanter stressed his work and "leadership" on issues involving economic development, daycare, children's services, rental housing protection, services for seniors and strengthening Toronto's high tech industrial base.

He stated that as a member of Premier David Peterson's team, he could have "access at the highest levels when important decisions are made." (Kanter has worked at Queen's Park as special assistant to the Liberal leader. He currently teaches planning law at the University of Toronto).

Kanter, a resident of the riding since 1970, has been active in community affairs — as vice-chairman of the Annex Residents' Association and as a member of the United Way priorities subcommittee.

A lawyer by training, Kanter has also been active in various Jewish organizations. He is a member of the Narayever Congregation and of the Bloor St. branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

He is also involved with the Canadian Friends of Ben Gurion University, the Shaare Zedek Hospital and is a director of Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly.

Kanter's and his wife Enid's son Matthew attends the Downtown Jewish Community School.



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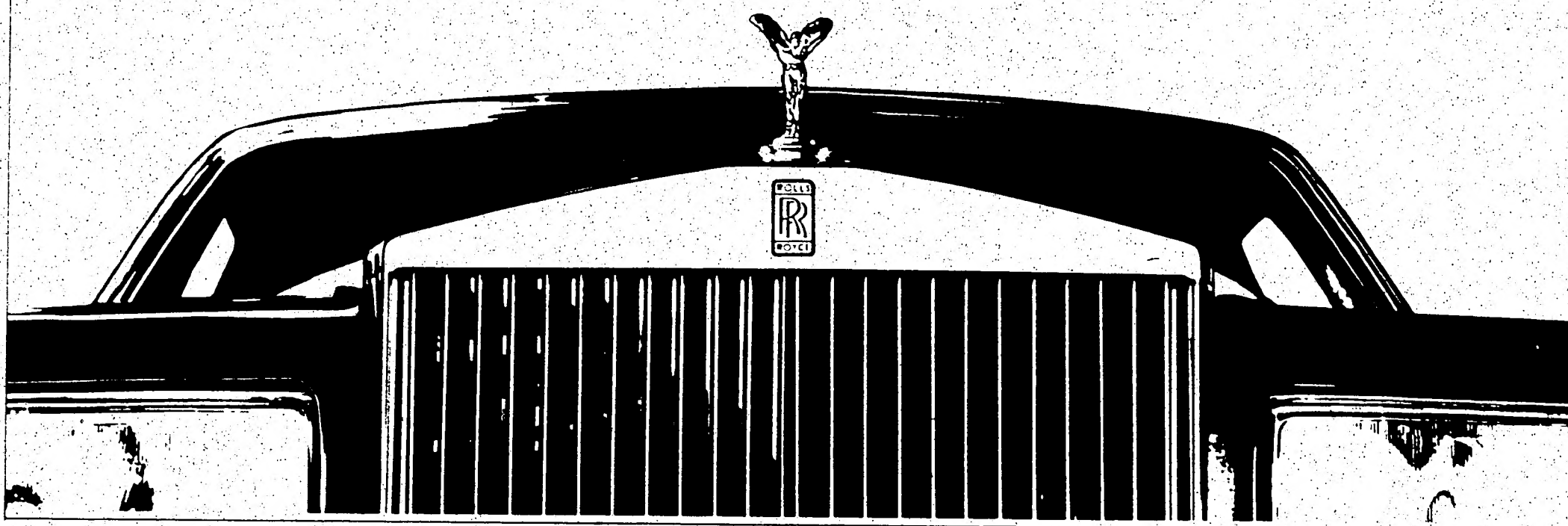
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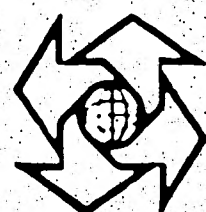
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Organizations and People

Moonies chant outside session rooms

JSU meet takes place despite protests by cults

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

A small melee in the larger battle to protect the minds and spirits of students was fought on the campus of the University of Toronto recently during the 3rd annual Jewish Student Union, Cult Awareness Week.

The 4-day program, described by the JSU as the largest on the continent, serves "to inform and educate students of the increasing influence and danger of cults across North America."

However, the various seminars were held in the midst of a disruptive campaign by members of Hare Krishna, the Church of Scientology and CARP (the Collegiate Association for Research Principals, a Sun Myung Moon organization) to discredit the program and its participants.

That crusade included: releasing brochures deceptively designed to appear like JSU program pamphlets on cults, but printed by the Church of Scientology; chanting "religious freedom," outside session rooms; and planting members in seminars to engage speakers in circuitous and denigrating arguments.

Though opposition groups pressed the case of religious freedom throughout the week, organizers countered that the program was not directed to criticism of "new religions," but to examining the use of destructive mind control by certain groups to recruit and indoctrinate members.

At a poorly attended, but rousing session on Cult Recruitment on Campus, the speakers explained in detail the techniques by which "destructive" cults achieve their goals.

The discussion was led by Bill Goldberg, a social worker and legally certified cult expert; and Steve Hassan, a former assistant director of the Unification Church and now New England coordinator of FOCUS, a group including former members of many different cults.

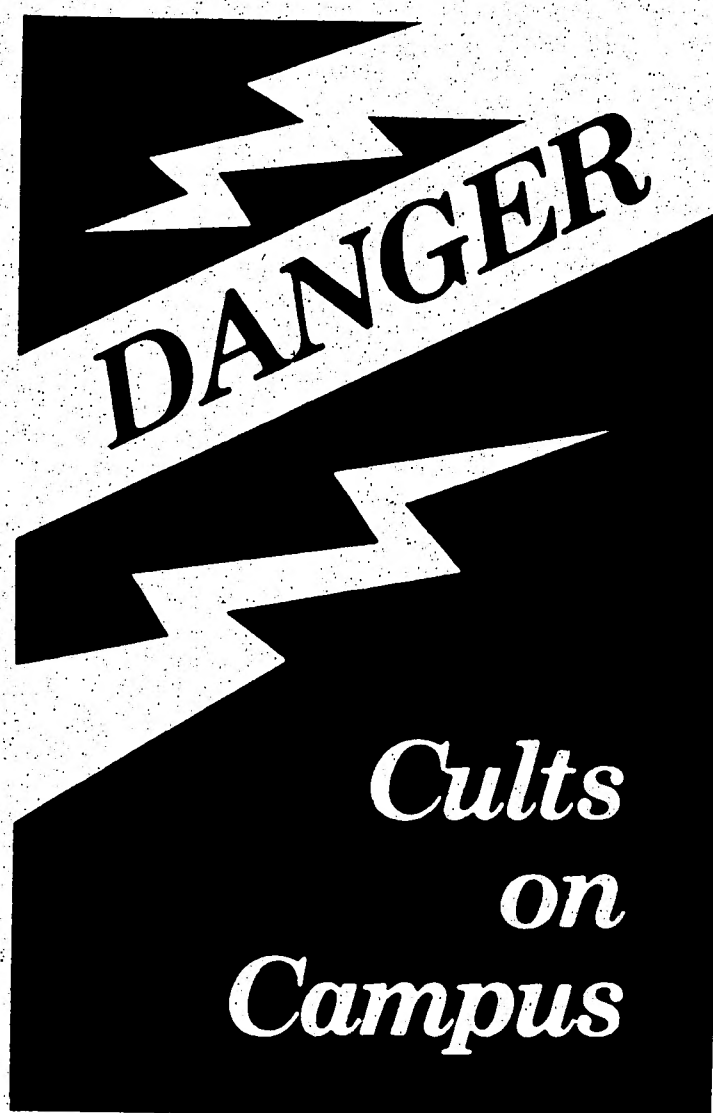
As a counselor, Hassan has also pioneered a non-coercive approach to deprogramming, and has served as a consultant to a research committee of the Israeli government, literature about him states.

In our society, said Goldberg, youth go through a period of extended adolescent identity crisis, and cults prey upon these feelings of insecurity to make their world views attractive.

"You follow our guru and you are a disciple, a devotee, whatever the group's term may be, and you don't have to make the difficult decisions that our open society forces on people. It relieves you of the anxiety."

The cult leader, he said, will gain confidence by typically using pseudo-scientific explanations that have an internal logic "but not much else."

The new recruit is plac-



A serious mental health problem has been created in recent years by the emergence of cults using psychologically coercive methods to recruit members. Association with these groups can be disastrous for members, their families, and friends.

Given the right circumstances, sophisticated mind control techniques will work on anyone, even those who think they are immune.

DON'T BE FOOLED! SEVERAL CULTS ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE ON ALL THREE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CAMPUSES AND OTHER COLLEGES ACROSS THE NATION.



The pamphlet at left was distributed by the organizers of Cult Awareness Week to explain who cults seek to recruit and how they operate. The one on the right is a critique of deprogrammers put out by the Church of Scientology.

ed in an environment in which great peer pressure is brought to bear in a short period of time for newcomers to become members.

It is a situation of heightened suggestibility and lowered consciousness, a sort of hypnosis, Goldberg explained.

And, he emphasized (while protesters shouted "religious freedom" outside the room), the person can be made to violate his or her personal moral code: "If people believe absurdities, they can commit atrocities."

When contacted by three attractive representatives of the Moon organization, Steve Hassan was a middle-class Jewish student at Queen's College in New York, and not looking for involvement.

No mention was made of religion by the recruiters, he said. They only spoke in appealing generalities of an ideal world, and freedom.

Hassan said he eventually dropped out of school, became part of the organization, went back to the campus as a recruiter and became director of CARP.

Hassan then displayed to the audience a 6-foot list of single spaced lines showing

other names of the hundreds of front groups under which Moon's organization operates.

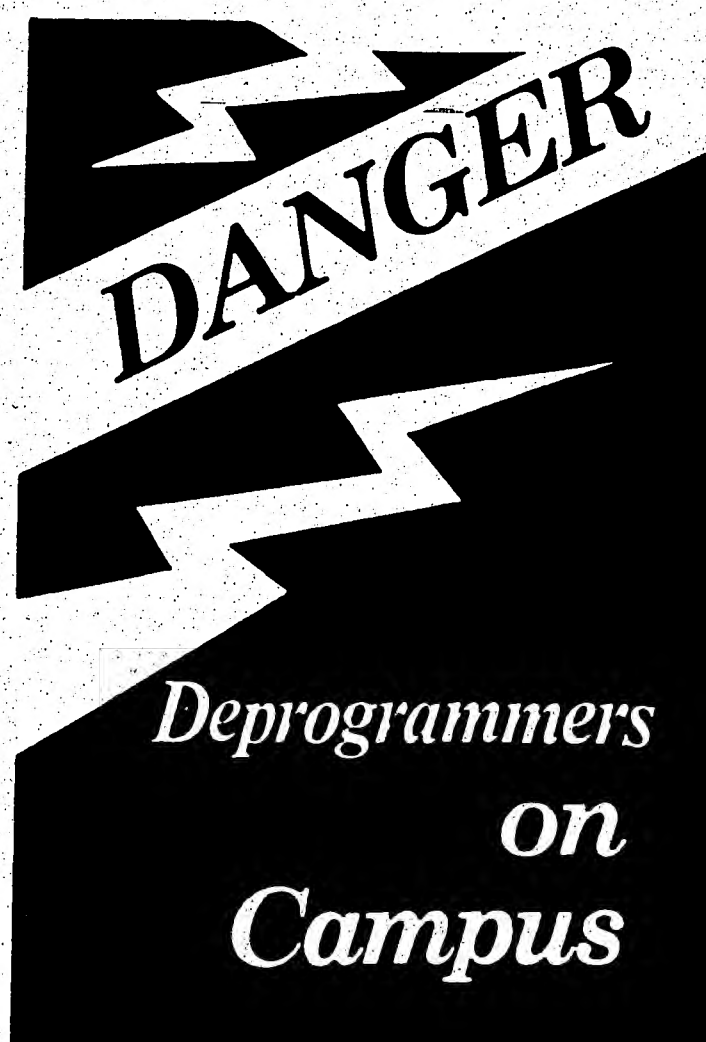
His activities while a "Moonie," Hassan said, even included organizing a protest which influenced the outcome of a UN vote.

He was taught to categorize people as thinkers, doers, feelers, or believers, to know the best approach for a potential recruit. And never were the recruiters ever to reveal their true identity.

Among the techniques cults use to interest new members, he said, are cross-sexual persuasion, surveys to learn personal information, and communications courses. "People don't join cults, they join to make friends."

Once drawn to a cult, however, new recruits are kept through peer pressure, guilt, fear, isolation, lying ("because the ends justify the means"), overloading to prevent critical analyses and other methods which reduce individuality and increase dependence on the group.

And taking poke at those who claim the awareness program denies religious freedom, Hassan said that



A serious threat to the freedom of conscience and belief has been created in recent years by the emergence of "deprogrammers." The emergence of psychiatric-backed deprogrammers and other hired henchmen using crude coercive techniques to depersonalize and to destroy the minds of members of mainstream and emerging religions poses a serious threat to the religious freedom of all.

DON'T BE FOOLED! DEPROGRAMMERS ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE WHEREVER THEY CAN FIND AN AUDIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND OTHER CAMPUSES ACROSS THE NATION.

if a new recruit wants to leave a cult he or she is prevented from doing so by devious and deceitful means: "Where is the religious freedom in that?"

How not to join cults? Ask specific questions about the organization, its affiliations, its leader, about what happens to new members, Hassan said. And if the answer is vague, a red flag should go up.

Brain-washing does not have to involve physical abuse, he emphasized. Through control of voice and pace of speech, he

demonstrated to the audience how people can be lulled into a trance.

Gradually, cult members unconsciously pick up breathing patterns and body postures from the leader and "mirror" other behaviors.

And according to cognitive dissonance theory, following the dictated behavior eventually convinces the recruit that he or she euphorically feels what the leaders say is true, he explained.

"I was so happy," Hassan said about his feelings while in the Moon or-

ganization. "Happier than I ever was in my life. I was fighting Communism and building a heaven on earth."

But while working for the group, he was badly injured in a car accident. Hassan was hospitalized and through the help of a loving sister whom he trusted, his doubts about Moon grew and he was deprogrammed.

Following the session, Goldberg and Hassan spoke briefly to The CJN about Jews and cults.

Goldberg said that while the Jewish community was the first to mobilize against cults, in his experience, the reaction of non-Jewish organizers has been much more supportive than Jews.

Hassan said that it was not anything lacking in Judaism that explained why so many Jews have become involved in cults. He attributed Jewish participation to individual, intelligent and persuasive Jewish cult members who used their natural abilities to recruit others.

Hassan added that groups like the Moonies

capitalize on the capacities of overachievers, guilt and social consciousness to gain new members.

Both agreed more Jewish education would help. Hassan adding that a knowledge of what other religions have to say would be useful.

Cult awareness program co-chairmen Jeff Springer (JSU president) and Robert Singer told the CJN that the Hare Krishna Vedic Cultural Society and CARP had also set up displays in the Sydney Smith lecture hall.

And Springer added that the Hare Krishna had at their display the Scientology literature mimicking official programs (Scientology is not an official university group and is not allowed on campus).

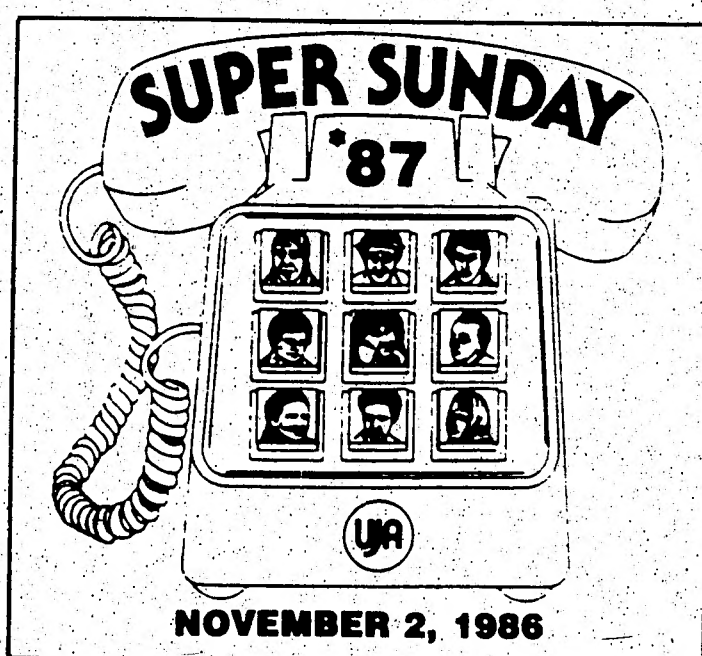
Singer said the fairly poor turnout at sessions can be explained by the general state of student apathy, and because posters announcing the program had been torn down, limiting effective publicity.

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Organizations and People

"We can learn that from you"

Chinese delegation praises Baycrest's spirit

By PAUL LUNGEN
TORONTO — The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has attained a worldwide reputation as a leader in its field. Its renown is so far flung, in fact, that people come from around the world to see first hand how the Centre provides for its residents and day patients.

Just such a visiting group from Communist China toured the North York facility last week, inspecting the kitchens, lounges, apartments and hospital facilities that have earned the Centre its enviable reputation.

Cui Naifu, the minister of civil affairs, a portfolio with responsibility for providing social services to 200 million people, led 10 senior officials from his ministry on a 2-hour tour of Baycrest, following which he commended the "obviously high quality" of the facilities.

But it was not the physical plant that most impressed Naifu. Speaking through an interpreter, the minister pointed out it was the "spirit" of Baycrest that caught his attention.

"While the economic situation (between the two countries) is different, we can emulate what you do here within the range available to us," he stated.

"In terms of the spirit of service and the way people are caring for old people here, we can learn that from you," he added.

The Chinese delegation's whirlwind tour of Baycrest was aimed at "giving them a taste" of the broad range of facilities available at the Centre, said Stephen Rudin, executive director of Baycrest.

Great range, depth

Rudin said the Chinese group are certainly not the first visitors from abroad to tour Baycrest. People from Japan, Taiwan, Australia, England, Israel and the United States have preceded the Chinese, and he expects others, including more from China, to visit in the future.

They come because "the Centre is unique. The collectivity of services it provides and the range and depth of programs" sets it apart from other institutions offering geriatric care, Rudin said.

Baycrest is "regarded as a model" for others to emulate, he added.

Among the facilities viewed by the Chinese delegation were: the

greenhouse, where residents grow their own plants, the arts and crafts area, the swimming pool, the daycare centre —

where elderly visit only during the day — as well as Baycrest Terrace, where residents live in their own apartments.

The visit was organized by the Ontario ministry of community and social services in cooperation with the federal health and

welfare ministry, said Ed Aiston, director of international information and planning at the federal ministry.

In addition to visiting Baycrest, the group took in the Victoria Day Care Centre and Queen's Park Child Care Centre.

Other stops on the delegation's 13-day Canadian visit included Ottawa, Quebec City, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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In-depth view of Israel in 96 hours

UJA mission packed with movement, insight

By
BOB GOTTIEB

TORONTO —

Thirty-three Torontonians recently returned from what United Jewish Appeal describes as one of the shortest and most intense study missions it has ever sent to Israel — just 96 hours in duration.

Brief the mission was lacking in quality it wasn't.

From the moment the group was met at Ben-Gurion Airport by Keren Hayesod officials on Sept. 18 to the moment they boarded their El Al return flight four days later, they adhered to an itinerary packed with movement and insight — into the state of the state, and the pulse of its people.

Mission participants were on the road — or in the air — by 6 a.m. daily as they blanketed the country, and no day's agenda concluded before 10 at night. In between was pure substance. Beach-bathing, poolside sitting and leisurely wandering were left to the tourists.

Locales visited included an absorption centre in Lod and subsequent meeting with immigrant Ethiopian Jews; the Israel Aircraft Industries production line and viewing of the prototype of the first jet fighter aircraft developed in the country; the Lavi; the Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem; and home hospitality with residents of the village of Beit Dagan and the Rehovot neighborhood of Kfar Gvirol — Toronto's UJA

partners for urban redevelopment and rehabilitation through Project Renewal.

The mission also traversed the Israel-Lebanon border and Confrontation Line, and had the opportunity to watch the Good Fence concept at work.

Visits to Metulla and the development town of Katzrin were under the personal escort of their respective mayors, and a number of community social projects were observed at both locations. Stops were made also in the Jordan Valley and in Jericho.

An in-depth tour of Palmachim air base highlighted the balance of the itinerary. Time there included a tour of the facility and lunch with the base commander, and Israel Air Force pilots in the officer's mess.

A series of high-level briefings interspersed the travel schedule. Political, socio-economic and military perspectives were provided by a diverse range of speakers including Minister of Health and former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces, Mordechai Gur; Middle East and Arab Affairs expert Dan Schuffan, of the Shiloah Institute; MK Ronnie Milo, deputy minister of foreign affairs; and the army

spokesman in Jerusalem, Colonel Ra'anan Gissin.

Also on tap was an evening with participants from the South African Jewish community's Young Leadership Mission, which gave the Toronto group a first-hand insight into the current state of unrest in South Africa.

Marty Goldberg and Michael Shulman, co-chairing the Major Gifts Division trip, praised the calibre of the mission and

its participants.

Said Shulman: "What we saw and learned in so short a time was outstanding. Many of us didn't know each other at the onset — but the shared experience quickly melded us into one, and left us more committed than ever to what Israel and

UJA is all about."

Added Goldberg: "No matter how many times I return to Israel, each mission experience for me is a new one. This trip was no exception. In terms of substance and quality, the UJA mission program is unparalleled."

Succoth arba minim purchases need care

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

With the approach of Succoth, the Vaad HaRabbonim is urging you to shop carefully for arba minim (four species): lulav, etrog, hadassah and aravah.

"People should shop to get the best price," said Vaad president Rabbi Moshe Lowy. "Last year, there was some price gouging going on," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "A decent kosher set should be no more than \$50-\$60," he said.

"The vendor should also allow you to exchange any of the four minim that may be found unkosher by a rabbi or other knowledgeable examiner," Lowy added.

Lowy said that two years ago he threatened to urge his congregants to restrict their purchases to one set for the entire shul if prices kept rising. Lowy is spiritual leader of Agudat Israel Congregation in North York.

"There may be some people who can afford to pay \$100 or more for a set of arba minim, but not the majority of people in the community. It is not right that a few sellers make a year's worth of profit" in this way, said Lowy.

The damage done by high prices is compounded if, as happens, the set bought

turns out to be unfit and the purchaser has no recourse, according to Lowy.

"Purchasers should buy on the condition that if their purchase turns out treif, it can be exchanged," he said.

He told The CJN that last year a man wept on his shoulder after discovering that a set of arba minim that he just paid \$60 for was no good.

"Some people rely entirely on the integrity of their dealer," said Lowy. "This is not enough. Things can get damaged in shipping or packing to the dealer." The best safeguard, says Lowy, is to be able to exchange the defective part.

Many things can invalidate any of the four species, said Lowy.

- An etrog (citron) can be rendered unkosher by, among other things: warts in two or three places; discoloration and/or brown or red spots; a missing stem; a hole; the onset of shriveling; and small size.

- A lulav that is warped, discolored, bent, less than four handbreadths long or has its tip split, broken or nipped, is invalid.

- An hadassah (myrtle) to be kosher has to be at least three handbreadths long, with leaves not nipped, missing, or too big. Its rows of three leaves should be level and overlapping.

- The aravot (willow branches) must come from

a bush, not a tree. They should have even, unknipped leaves and stems; the latter with a reddish tinge.

These are just some of the specifications for the kashrut of arba minim, said Lowy.

In a related matter, Lowy reminded the community that to be kosher, a succah has to be built strong enough to withstand normal wind and rain for the duration of Succoth.

"Many succahs are too frail, including some prefabricated ones," he said.

Too little wind resistance is also a problem. "If the walls can blow back and forth three handbreadths or more, it invalidates the succah," he said.

Lowy's warnings were issued after a recent meeting of the Vaad.

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Organizations and People

Package at Sheraton includes kosher facilities

TORONTO —

The Sheraton Centre's "complete package" of rooms, swimming pool and kosher party facilities was unveiled last week — with the stress on catering.

The downtown hotel's newly opened meat and dairy facilities under supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress Vaad HaKashrut can serve up to 2,000 guests, catering manager Erica Greenspoon told The Canadian Jewish News.

A dinner for close to 1,500 was hosted by the Association for Soldiers in Israel about two weeks earlier, as well as a number of smaller events, she said.

The buffet party for

community leaders hosted by the hotel last week offered a variety of fish, fowl and meat prepared in more than two dozen ways.

The sampling, smoothed along with red and white wine and full bar service, underscored the impressive choice of sophisticated foods available.

Entrees include such specialties as julienne of smoked turkey, chopped beef steak in wine sauce, veal pojariski, poached fillet of salmon, fillet of trout, braised halibut with cranberry sauce, fillet of sole piccata, supreme of chicken, turkey teriyaki, veal portuguese, roast butterfly cornish hen, roast marinated ribeye, brisket

of beef—and brochette of beef.

The list of hors d'oeuvres and desserts available is equally impressive.

A variety of hot or cold dairy plates ranges from a good morning's scrambled eggs and lox to a special lunch's smoked salmon julienne and creamed mushrooms. These are framed by salads and desserts galore.

In a brief welcoming address, Sheraton Corporation senior vice-president Kai Herbranson thanked the Vaad for its suggestions and guidance in planning the new facilities.

— D.B.



World War I Veterans Jack Arons and Lee Pritzker (centre left and right) take the salute at the annual remembrance parade and service of General Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

WWI vets guests of honor

TORONTO —

World War I veterans Lee Pritzker and Jack Arons were the special guests of honor at the annual remembrance parade and service of the General Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held recently at the Jewish War Veterans Cenotaph at Mount Sinai Cemetery.

Pritzker and Arons had the honor of taking the salute at the service, which pays tribute to the 428

Canadian Jewish men and one Jewish woman who lost their lives in active service during World War II.

Pritzker, born July 1, 1896, enlisted in the Lord Strathcona Horse, which later became the Canadian Mounted Rifles overseas. He was wounded before the end of the war and returned to Canada.

Arons was born in Romania on March 21, 1894, and joined the Canadian 48th Highlanders in 1917. In that year he transferred to the British army and was

posted to Alexandria, Egypt to train to become a basic training instructor.

It was during this period that Sgt. Arons became acquainted with Lance-Corporal David Ben-Gurion and Private Itzhak Ben-Zvi, who ultimately became Prime Minister and President of Israel, respectively.

During an attack in 1918, Arons was wounded, and in late 1919 he was transferred back to Canada.

Also participating in the ceremony and service

were: Norm Leyton, Irv Greenberg, Lionel Mer-nick, Syd Sears, Rabbi David Monson, Monte Kwinter, Cantor Saul Carr, and Sam Wagman.

Kwinter delivered the keynote address, and Rabbi Monson the benediction. The service included a wreath laying, recitations of El Mole Rachamim, and Kaddish, the sounding of the shofar, and concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save The Queen.



Kai Herbranson (left) and Sheraton catering director Tim Lilleyman discuss menu with mashgiach Allan Margolese. [Henry Koro photo]

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Organizations and People

Abandonment of Jews an unanswered question

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Why so few people in the states under Nazi rule were willing to extend aid to Jews is a question that has not been answered and must still be examined, the director of commemoration and public relations of Yad Vashem said here recently.

In a presentation co-sponsored by The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre and The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem at the Lipa Green Building on The Righteous Among The Nations: The Rescue of Jews During The Holocaust, Rabbi Menahem Fogel, tried to explain why in their hour of greatest need, the Jews were largely abandoned.

Though fear of reprisal and anti-semitism are both factors, they do not provide a complete explanation, he said.

Only 5,500 individuals have been granted the title Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem, said Fogel, who served as rabbi of Schara Tzedek Synagogue in Vancouver from 1980 to 1984.

The title is granted to those who without reward and at personal risk helped to save a Jewish life during the war. Besides the 5,500, only another 350 such cases are before Yad Vashem's commission or are known, he added.

"The sad truth," acknowledged Fogel, is that a minuscule portion of a huge population offered assistance in the form of refuge, food, false documents, or by other means.

But rescue was not impossible if there was willingness. It was a lack of willingness that allowed the Nazis to continue their murder on such a large scale, the rabbi stressed.

And, Fogel emphasized, in those countries where the populace was more inclined to help Jews, Nazi reprisals were fewer.

But in countries with a history of anti-semitism and a desire to be rid of Jews, even the underground identified more with the Nazis than Jewish partisan members.

While no comprehensive generalization can be made, said Fogel, the people of Denmark and Holland acted very differently from those of Poland and the Ukraine.

"It was not the government that was the determining factor, but the attitude of the individual citizen that made a difference."

In Italy, 42,000 of the country's 57,000 Jews survived because of intervention by their fellow Italians. Many were hidden in churches. In Holland, every one of the 100 families of a certain village hid a Jew.

"But only a handful of Polish Jews were saved as a result of help by individual Polish citizens," and the records show that some Polish underground members murdered their Jewish counterparts.

There is a common characteristic of the



Rabbi Menahem Fogel (centre) with members of The Holocaust Education and Memorial Committee and The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. From left: David Smuschkowitz, Dr. Joel Dimitry, Rabbi Fogel, Gerda Frieberg and Nathan Leipziger.

righteous, he said. It is a humanitarian motivation that demands a certain behavior to one's fellow man.

Ironically, the source of this attitude was sometimes religious in orientation, although the church did not actively promote such behavior.

And while the social background of the righteous has not been fully explored, most were from poorer classes "who shared the little they had with those they were hiding."

Fogel highlighted the activities of three Righteous Gentiles whose actions were particularly exemplary: Raoul Wallenberg, Oskar Schindler and Paul Greuninger.

• Raoul Wallenberg was the Swedish ambassador to Hungary who saved thousands of Jewish lives, often with only daring and guile. He has not been seen since being taken into Soviet custody.

"He constitutes proof of how much a courageous individual with profound feeling for his fellow man could accomplish," Fogel said.

• Oskar Schindler ran a factory in Krakow (and later in other locations), hiring hundreds of Jews as

employees, thereby ensuring their personal safety and offering them better living conditions.

At one point, he retrieved 300 Jewish women from Auschwitz, family members of the men he employed, all the while keeping the SS from his premises.

His assistance extended to providing proper burial for the dead; and as he promised, he stayed with the living until the end of the war.

Schindler maintained contact with those he helped until his death in 1974. He is buried in Israel.

• Paul Greuninger was police chief of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Though the Swiss government opposed allowing refugees into the country, Greuninger could not reconcile that policy with his conscience.

At the expense of his job and pension, Greuninger helped sneak Jewish refugees across the border. For years after, he was forced to earn his living as a janitor and a physical education instructor's assistant.

It was not until 1969 that his activities were discovered and he received recognition from Yad Vashem and his own

country.

"We owe a moral debt to these individuals and the commemoration of their deeds is the least we are obliged to do," Fogel concluded.

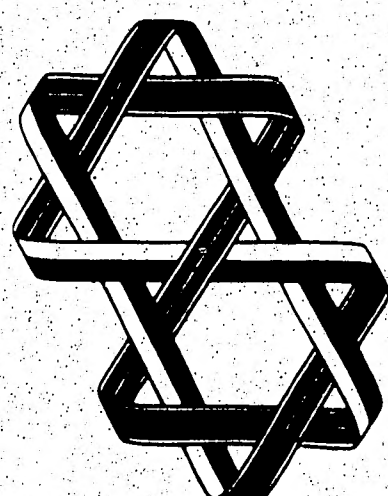
Fogel, 33, was born in Jaffa and moved to South Africa with his family when he was a child. He made aliya and returned to fight in the Yom Kippur War.

The rabbi received smicha from Yeshivat Keren B'Yavneh. His secular education is in public administration and business management. He and his wife Michele have two children: Chanan and Naama. Fogel is spending the High Holidays in Vancouver.

Fogel told The CJA that progress is being made at Yad Vashem on the monument to destroyed communities, the project to retrieve and restore Holocaust documents, and the expansion of the World Centre for Holocaust Teaching.

Yad Vashem, he said, will also inaugurate at Chanukah a memorial designed by Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie for the children lost in the Holocaust.

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George Mann (right) holds the floor, while Ethel Sapera, Paul Slavens and Bob Proctor listen. Photo was taken at Motivation '87, Real Estate Division evening program.

"Wow! That's the only way to describe Motivation '87, the Real Estate Division function that attracted an attendance of 150 to a reception and evening at the Lipa Green Building."

Arranged by Co-chairmen Ethel Sapera and Paul Slavens, along with a committee of 15 of their real estate colleagues in Metro Toronto, the first-ever UJA program for this division was an undeniable success.

Major attractions were keynote speaker Bob Proctor, who has earned a reputation as the "foremost motivational speaker in North America," and George Mann, Chairman of the Board of Unicom Canada Corporation, who recounted highlights from a long, illustrious career in real estate.

The evening had its own element of suspense. Scheduled speaker, Ron Appleby, Toronto Jewish Congress President, who was unavoidably detained, arrived just as pinch-hitting Adam Kahan, UJA Campaign Director, was about to stand in for him. Ethel Sapera virtually switched introductions in mid-stream and managed to carry it off without a hitch. Very neatly done.

Best of all, more than 25% of those who attended are newcomers to UJA.

Head table guests included Campaign Co-chairmen Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman, and coordinator for the Professional & Financial Network, Aaron Brotman.

Construction Division Co-chairmen Jack Chisvin and David Marks hosted an evening at the Chisvin home on October 7. Called ostensibly for the purpose of business and card distribution, there was plenty of food, drink and socializing as well.

There's an exciting week coming up beginning October 27.

Under the heading "Getting Down to Business," it will be chaired by Harvey Rosen and Gella Rothstein, with heavy input from Business Division co-ordinators David Freeman and Nelson Reuben, plus Max Handelman, Adrienne Offman and Marty Goldberg.

The format for the 28, 29 and 30, will begin with luncheon, followed by a speaker who is prominent in the business community.

Attendance is open to chairmen and canvassers involved in the Business Division, and, say the chairmen, anyone in the Professions is welcome to participate as well. All that's required for those who do come out, is an afternoon of canvassing on the day of the program they wish to attend.

We'll keep you informed as plans are finalized. In the meantime, mark these dates on your calendar — October 27 to 31.

Despite torrential rain, 68-hardy souls came out to the Ontario Science

Centre to hear Art Benjamin of On-Line People, at the initial program of UJA's Computer and High-Tech Division, chaired by Robert Cherniak and Fred Winegust.

B'nai Brith members who showed up the second time around for another Monday night BB telethon, were joined last week by Hy Binstock, Marvin Blumenthal, Elliot Caplan, Irving Green, Harry Handler, Michael Honey, Saul Rosenberg, Ben Sunshine and Max Zeidman.

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to veteran B'nai Brith canvasser Al Rich on the marriage of his daughter Barbara.

It was everything you ever wanted to know about the latest technology of cosmetic eye surgery... that is if you're an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or someone working in a related field.

The speaker was Dr. Marvin S. Kazdan; the occasion — the opening breakfast meeting for the Optometrists Division 1987 campaign. Non-related guests (optically speaking), were Adrienne Offman, who addressed the gathering, and Health Professions co-ordinator, Dr. Harry Krakowsky.

In addition to Division Chairmen Drs. Scarlet Albright and Dennis Bader, the attendance included: Irving Berger, Dr. Joel Berk, Dr. David Bookman, Amy Camille, Dr. S. J. Cohen, Dr. F. P. Cole, Alice Engel, Sheldon Feinberg, Dr. Brian Feldman, Drs. Berny and Karin Fresco, Dr. Steven Frohlich, Dr. Paula Garshowitz, Dr. Lorne Kay and Dr. D. L. Korn.

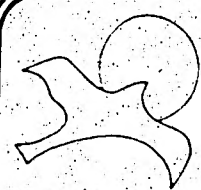
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Ben Eisenstein and Joe Kichler, Zaglambier Society UJA Chairmen, have scheduled the society's 1987 fund-raising luncheon for November 9 at the Lipa Green Building.

Ostrovitzer Society President Joe Snider, in company with Abe Nyman, made a pre-holiday call at Baycrest Centre where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Sinaberg — 96 and 99 years of age, respectively. Mr. Sinaberg reached into his wallet and took out \$100 "for Israel," and promised to give more next year when he hopes to celebrate his wife's 100th birthday.

We'll look forward to that.

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Organizations and People

Rally hears letter of support

PM promises to push Soviets on human rights

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The community's recent annual Simchat Torah march and rally for Soviet Jewry was assured by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney that Canada "will continue" to make representation to Moscow on behalf of Soviet Jews.

In a letter read by cabinet minister Barbara McDougall to the rally, attended here by almost 1,000 people in Earl Bales Park, Mulroney wrote that human rights and Soviet Jewry "will remain a high priority with the Canadian government."

"Our opposition to human rights violations has been made known to the Soviet government," the Prime Minister wrote. "I can assure you we will continue to raise these issues, both bilaterally and in international forums. Our government has monitored with grave concern the treatment of these men and women in the Soviet Union who are denied their rights, and Soviet authorities are under no illusions regarding the seriousness with which we regard respect for human rights."

Mulroney's comments came on the eve of his meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Edouard Shevardnadze in Ottawa, and McDougall said Exter-

nal Affairs Minister Joe Clark would present to Shevardnadze a list of 42 families in Canada waiting to be reunited with Soviet relatives.

McDougall and other federal, provincial and municipal politicians joined rabbis and community leaders in the annual event, sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and student groups.

Simultaneous rallies were held in Ottawa in front of the Soviet embassy and in Montreal at the Soviet consulate on Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry.

The highlight of the rallies was a live telephone linkup with freed dissident Anatoly Scharansky.

Speaking from Amsterdam, where rallies were also being held, Scharansky, through a loud-speaker hookup, thanked all his supporters and added he owes his freedom today mainly to his wife, Avital.

"I thank you, everybody who supports us," Scharansky said. "My release (last February) was successful because I got support from everybody."

Scharansky said that earlier in the day, he had tried to telephone some noted Refuseniks in Moscow, but was disconnected.

"Now we must think of the thousands of other

Jews who want to leave (the Soviet Union)," he added. "The KGB wants to isolate us but they can't do it for much longer."

To loud cheers, Scharansky urged Canadian Jews to "give (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev a clear message: 'Let our people go!'"

Marsha Slavens of CJC's Soviet Jewry Committee noted that Simchat Torah is

the only day in the Soviet Union on which Jews openly gather to celebrate a Jewish holiday.

"With our rally, we are showing our solidarity with them," she said.

In her comments, McDougall recalled her recent visit to Israel, where she met two women whose Soviet husbands were not allowed to join them. Soon after her visit, one of the

men, Leonid Vainstein, was allowed to emigrate.

"There was a time when Jews stood alone, but no more. Never again," Rev. Ron Scott of The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, said to loud applause.

Just prior to the rally, a chanting crowd, waving signs and photographs of Refuseniks, marched south along Bathurst to the park. A similar march in Mon-

tré began in Dominion Square and ended at the Soviet consulate on du Musée Ave.

During the rally, 15 black-robed demonstrators, each representing a prominent Refusenik, chanted slogans and sang.

Soviet Jewish emigration, organizers noted, has slowed to a near standstill.

In the first eight months of this year, just 511 Jews

were allowed out and only 1,139 were allowed to emigrate in all of 1985.

By contrast, over 51,000 Jews were allowed to leave in the peak year of 1979. The annual figures have been steadily declining since then.

Soviet leader Gorbachev said recently the reason so few Jews are being let out is because there are so few left in the Soviet Union.



Marsha Slavens of Canadian Jewish Congress Soviet Jewry Committee chats by phone with Anatoly Scharansky at the recent Simchat Torah rally for Soviet Jews, while CJC Ontario Region executive director Edmond Lipsitz (left) looks on. [Ron Csillag photo]

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UJA Eye Opener series

Blue Jays' official knows how to field questions

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO—

It's tough to be funny, informative, provocative and coherent if you're speaking publicly at 8.30 in the morning. But Blue Jay exec Paul Beeston managed quite well, thank you, proving again there's something about baseball and people associated with baseball that lends itself to good stories and good storytellers. Anytime of day.

Beeston was addressing about 50 early risers at the Lipa Green Building not too long ago. — United Jewish Appeal contributors who like their baseball. While the questions they directed to Beeston indicated they were well versed in the intricacies of the game, Beeston managed to throw a few curves at them — those little vignettes of extra information real fans need for a complete understanding of the game and who's saying what about whom.

Did you know that when Toronto got a major league franchise, a big decision was what to name the team? Some of the choices tossed around included the Toronto Exhibitionists, the Bay St. Maulers and the Toronto Island Ferries (Fairies?).

While baseball lore is always good for a laugh, you have to keep in mind that it's not just a game but a medium-sized business. Beeston pointed out.

The majors last year recorded an all-time attendance high: 26 teams drew 46.8 million fans. Compare that to 1960 when 16 teams attracted 19.9 million spectators.

Players' salaries have kept up too, he noted, but former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau deserves some of the credit for that. Trudeau's 6 and 5 inflation plan was interpreted by Dave Stieb's agent to mean \$6 million over five years.

While Beeston, executive vice-president in charge of business for the Blue Jays, doesn't begrudge the players a fair salary (after all, the fans don't come to see the mascot) "corrective surgery" is now needed to bring salaries into line.

When asked if the owners were practicing free agent restraint, Beeston, deadpanned his

negative reply saying no, it was just a case of 26 owners "coming to their own decision, I guess."

It would be a mistake to believe players are just a greedy lot concerned with milking the gravy train for all its worth, he said. You hear about the big money they earn, but do you also hear about their generosity with their time and with their money? he asked.

Turning serious, Beeston pointed out that Blue Jays like Ernie Whitt, Dave Stieb, Damaso Garcia, Jesse Barfield and Willie Upshaw all generously contribute time or money to charities like Big Brothers, cystic fibrosis research, drug addiction centres and to cancer research.

Donates proceeds

On one occasion, \$2,500 was raised in the clubhouse for a charity walk in Welland, Ont., "a city most of the players never heard about."

Sometimes the players receive acknowledgement for their contributions. Says Beeston: "Willie Aikens was awarded two feathers by an Ojibway tribe for his work with delinquent youngsters. The Pope only got one."

The Blue Jays ballclub itself donates the proceeds from one game a year, about \$150,000, to various charities, Beeston said.

As for next year's product on the field, the Jays need some help, no doubt about it, he conceded. But even before they field a team, the Jays are facing some tzuers. They have some tough signings coming up: Whitt, Jim Clancy, Tom Henke, Barfield, George Bell, Tony Fernandez and Mark Eichhorn.

When negotiating and signing players, the Jays have a policy of "treating them fairly. That's how you get their trust," Beeston acknowledged, though, "we've got problems with Bell and Barfield. I don't know what we'll do; we've got to come up with something."

What do the Jays need to vault them back on top of the American League East?

"We're going to have to get some pitching, a middle (relief) guy and a left-handed starter,"

Beeston said. But we're probably not going to get good pitching through trades, he added.

After Beeston fielded a number of tricky queries from the audience he was thanked by Gary Harris, chairman of the breakfast.

The UJA Eye-Opener Series features a number of interesting speakers from a broad spectrum of endeavors. Others who addressed UJA campaign audiences include rock musician Frank Zappa, cartoonist Ben Wicks and political leader Larry Grossman.

Marty Goldberg is overall chairman of the series.

Jews in New York are upset with baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth because of a refusal to reschedule two of the Mets' National League championship games to prevent them from being played on Yom Kippur.

"We're very unhappy with the decision," Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said recently. "We've expressed our displeasure about the games being held on Yom Kippur. We've had hundreds of complaints" from our fans, he said.

The complaints centre on the decision to schedule the fourth game of the Mets playoff series against Houston Astros for Shea Stadium in New York on Sunday night, Oct. 12, erev Yom Kippur. If a fifth game is necessary, it will be played on Monday during the afternoon of Yom Kippur.

(Back in 1965, Jewish pitcher Sandy Koufax refused to pitch the opening game of the World Series on Yom Kippur, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to accommodate him by altering the pitching rotation.)

Television has been cited as the main reason the League did not alter the playoff schedule. If the fourth game had been switched to Sunday afternoon, it would have conflicted with ABC's coverage of the American League playoff between Boston Red Sox and California Angels, as well as pro football games on other networks. If switched to Monday night, it would have conflicted with ABC's Monday Night Football telecast.

While some assailed "the new, young Great God, television" as being allowed to triumph over

"the ancient God of the Jewish people," others saw the debate differently.

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said: "Part of the cost of being Jewish is that you sacrifice some worldly indulgences, and

you don't impose on the rest of the world to adopt your ways and your beliefs."

"For those whose faith is

the Mets, they ought to go to Temple Shea. For those whose faith is Judaism, they will know what to do."



Toronto Blue Jays executive vice-president Paul Beeston (left) and Gary Harris exchange pleasantries at the podium prior to Beeston's talk before a UJA Eye-Opener audience recently. [Graphic Artists photo]

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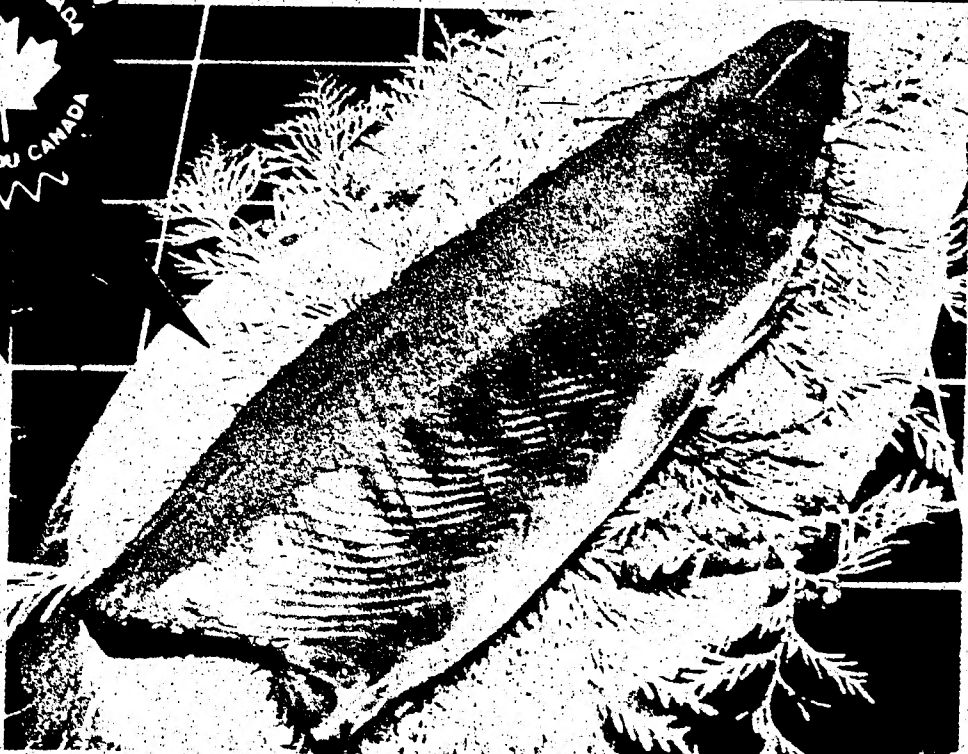
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Rabbi Witty presides at groundbreaking

Orthodox shul called a light for community

By
EILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Kehillat Shaarei Torah, a new Orthodox synagogue in the Bayview-York Mills area, should be a light for the community, said guest speaker Rabbi Irwin Witty at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the shul attended by many dignitaries and congregation members.

Witty, referring to the design of Solomon's Temple, noted there was an unusual design in the Beit Hamikdash. Unlike other buildings where windows are made to bring light inside, the windows in King Solomon's Temple were built so that the light from inside emanated outward. This was, he said, in order to shed the light of Torah to the surrounding community.

Similarly, he said, it is hoped the construction of Shaarei Torah will be a light for its community.

In introducing the rabbi, executive director of the Toronto board of Jewish education, the congregation's spiritual leader Rabbi

Eliot Feldman noted how it was Witty who, together with Kurt Rothschild, had the vision when approached by a group of Jews who wanted to establish a congregation in the area, to see the potential for an Orthodox synagogue in this neighborhood.

It has been Witty and Kurt Rothschild, together with the Division of Communal Service of Yeshiva University, who have lent their moral and personal support to the fund raising which has led to the beginning of construction, Feldman said.

The ceremony, held on the site of the synagogue at 26-40 Bayview Ave., was a celebration of the culmination of a 3-year battle to gain municipal approval for the building. Neighbors had objected to the construction, claiming that such a facility was not "appropriate development to the area."

Praising Feldman, congregation president Dr. Gerald Urbach said that in addition to becoming an expert in political planning and zoning, he "is a visionary whose steadfastness

has led us all to this day. Without him, there would be no congregation."

Howard Moscoe, controller of the City of North York, in extending greetings on behalf of the municipality, noted that "nothing in Jewish life comes easy, and the establishment of this congregation is no less simple. We have established deep roots in Canada, and the construction of this building is another part of those roots."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman, who was unable to attend due to a previous commitment, sent a letter of congratulations as did the alderman for the ward, Bev Salmon.

Urbach noted the presence of supporters of the synagogue, especially Martin Sable, the president of Shaarei Shomayim, a congregation which has lent both physical and financial support to Kehillat Shaarei Torah.

Also noted were president Karen Sanders and Rabbi Arthur Biefeld of Temple Emmanu-El, the congregation's hosts during construction, and who marshaled their congregation in support of the applications for a permit to the municipality.

Urbach paid special tribute to the building chairman, Dr. Joel Cooper, who has spent "countless hours late into the evening" to make this congregation a success. He also noted how it was Cooper who took the initiative to make the purchase of the property three years ago.

Before reading the 24th Psalm, together with

Maureen Arluck, the ladies' committee chairman, Cooper reciprocated the praise, by noting that it was the Kehillat Shaarei Torah president who made the initial contribution in memory of his late father, Nathan Urbach.

Cooper also praised the congregation's solicitor, Yvonne Hamlin of Goodman and Carr, for her tenacity, and Joel Vale and Joe Dubrofsky, who will be overseeing construction. He noted the presence of Martin and Heather Goose, who in the name of their family are dedicating the sanctuary of the new synagogue.

Rabbi Moshe Lowy, speaking on behalf of the Vaad HaRabbonim, took the opening words of the weekly portion as the baracha to extend to the synagogue members. "You are standing here together, today. Without standing together there is no accomplishment."

He was referring to the public meetings which were held at City Hall when he, together with other communal leaders appeared in support of the congregation's requests for a building permit. "It is a proud moment when an Orthodox synagogue is added to the community," Lowy said.

Cantor Harold Klein sang the anthems and Ma Tovu. The ceremony concluded with the turning of the sod, some of which will be used for a special planting in the new building and the distribution of "Rosh Hashanah RX" of honey to mark a sweet year.



Seen at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for Kehillat Shaarei Torah are (from left) Martin Goose, who together with his wife Heather is dedicating the sanctuary; Rabbi Eliot Feldman, spiritual leader; Dr. Gerald Urbach, congregation president; and Dr. Joel Cooper, building committee chairman.

Protest group to hold concert

TORONTO —

The Toronto Shalom Disarmament Group is co-sponsoring a concert featuring singer Doug Cameron as part of its campaign to raise public awareness of the dangers of nuclear war.

The concert, scheduled for Nov. 1 at Lawrence Park Collegiate, 125 Chatsworth Drive, is part of the International Year of Peace celebrations, said Group spokesperson Linda Eisen.

Joining the Shalom group in sponsoring the event are Markham Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament.

The concert is one of a number of programs or-

ganized by the Jewish peace organization, said Mark Sack, a member of the Shalom group. Jews in particular should become involved in the problem of nuclear proliferation because of the Torah admonition to protect life, the environment and to ensure Jewish survival, he said.

The Shalom Disarmament Group counts about 50 families from all walks of life among its members, he added. Other programs in which the group participated include the Peace Garden Program at City Hall on Oct. 19 and in a special educational demonstration about nuclear war at Temple Har Zion Religious School in May.

Speaking winners announced

HAMILTON —

The winners of the recent Morris Black Memorial-Hadassah-WIZO public speaking contest have been announced.

In the grades 7 and 8 category the winners were: Orly Hauser, 1st prize; Robert Gurevitz, 2nd prize; and Jessica Kaplan, 3rd prize.

In the grades 5 and 6 category: Benjamin Spinner, 1st prize; Nachama Kaufman, 2nd prize; and Shaindy Kaufman, 3rd prize.

In the grades 3 and 4 category: Kayla Feldman, 1st prize; Shoshana Sandberg, 2nd prize; and Sarah Beth Benovich, 3rd prize.

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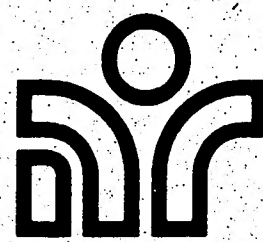
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Diet book stresses fruits, vegetables

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The most skeptical critic of diet plans cannot help being impressed with Harvey and Marilyn Diamond's *Fit for Life* (Warner Books, \$17.50 hardcover). This nutrition book has already sold over a million copies in the U.S. since its publication last year.

The Diamonds promote a largely fruit and vegetable diet based on the body's natural 24-hour cycle of absorption, digestion and elimination. It is based on the principles of natural hygiene — facilitating the body's self-regulation through proper eating — that Harvey Diamond came across 15 years ago after foraging through a number of diets. These, according to the book, helped him shed his excess 50 pounds in short order.

Neither he nor his wife, according to the book and their photo on the dust jacket, has put the weight back. With proper care, "the human body should last for 140 years," he says. *Fit for Life* purposes to describe that proper care, lifelong eating habits that avoid calorie counting, starvation diets, portion restrictions, diet pills or other related medications, vitamin supplements, temporary measures and drastic behavior modification.

From 4 a.m. until noon,

the Diamonds allow only fruit and fruit juice — as much as needed to feel satisfied, without overeating. Fruit, they maintain, contains the bulk of the natural liquids, vitamins and sugar needed in an easily digestible form that will not divert the body's efforts from its main task of the elimination cycle.

Salads and carbohydrates or protein are introduced for lunch and dinner, noon to 8 p.m., during the appropriation cycle. The order in which to eat them for maximum benefit is elaborately explained.

As little as possible should be eaten after 8 p.m., the start of the assimilation cycle, when the body uses the nutrients and vitamins from the food for a variety of biological processes. Fruit is OK if needed to ease hunger pangs; a banana is particularly effective.

Caution: fruits, they explain, should never be eaten as dessert. Their presence in the stomach right after a meal spoils the natural digestion of vegetables, carbohydrates and protein. (A piece of fruit up to a half hour before a meal is fine.) Waiting time to eat fruit after a meal is three hours.

Milk and milk products are fine for calves, but not for people, the Diamonds say. The calcium these provide are better suited to cows. The human body can

extract a more appropriate form of calcium from raw nuts and vegetables.

Meat, chicken and fish should also be avoided. The body, they say, can synthesize the protein it needs from nuts and certain vegetables.

The authors concede that dairy and flesh products are hard to avoid, and detail what specific vegetables can be eaten along with them to promote their digestion.

They pooch-pooch the notion of wine taken with a meal is an aid to digestion. They explain that wine tends to make foods ferment. Another concession: A little wine won't hurt things much if it's drunk at least half an hour before eating.

Coffee, tea, cola drinks, white sugar, and additives are destructive and have no redeeming qualities in any diet, they say.

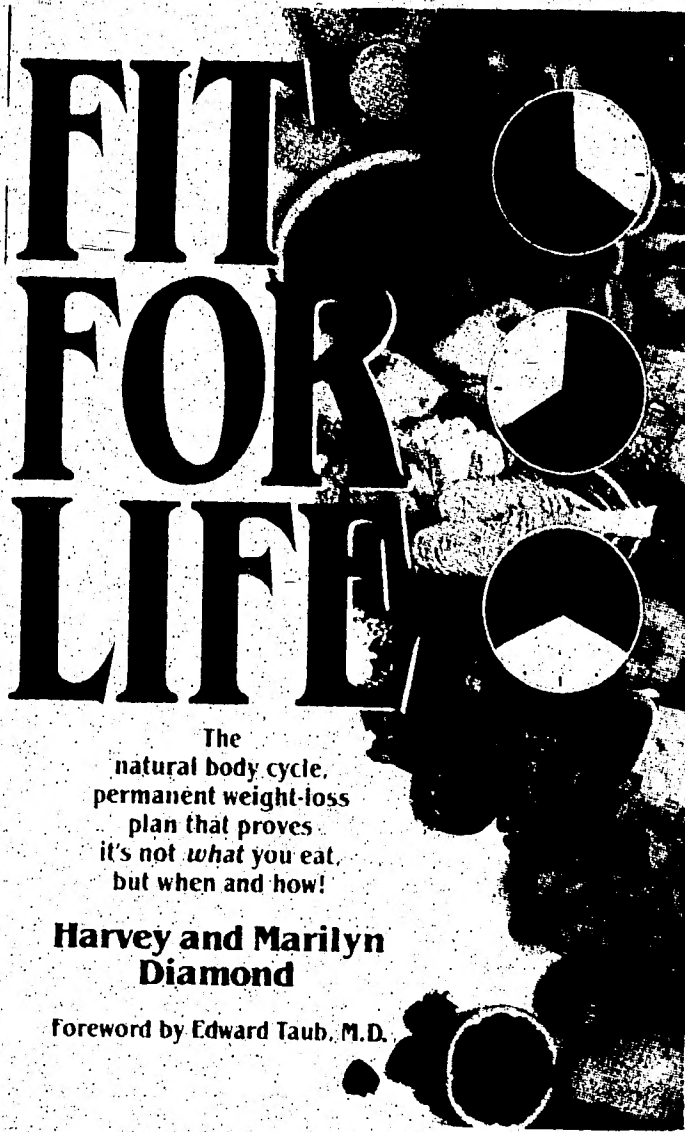
It takes no effort to see that the foods the Diamonds frown upon are the most popular ones in urban Western society. Sacrificing even part of them can be painful. On the other hand, the Diamonds convincingly associate these foods' absence from Oriental, African and Mediterranean diets with low rates of heart disease and certain types of cancer.

The book has footnotes, an impressive bibliography and an index.

Close to half the book is devoted to recipes and multi-week diet schedules.

This reviewer originally had a copy of *Fit for Life* pressed into the hand by a friend who can be described as an all-round skeptic. "What they suggest is wonderful," he said with uncharacteristic enthusiasm. "Everything fits into place." A slim middle-aged man who has always been careful about his nutrition, he has been following the book's diet for nearly half a year... and swears by it.

Fit for Life is well worth considering by anyone interested in diets or nutrition.



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By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Thanks to the efforts of Ben Himel, one of the founders of the Rena Costa Chair of Yiddish Language and Literature at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, Toronto has contributed more money to the chair than any other major centre in North America.

To show Bar-Ilan's appreciation, Himel was conferred with an honorary fellowship degree at a recent ceremony and brunch held at the Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Emanuel Rackman, university chancellor said Himel has made an "enormous contribution to the perpetuation of the Yiddish language."

He told the group that in addition to Himel's efforts for the university he has created the Ben Himel Foundation for the teaching of Yiddish in the elementary schools in Israel.

"The survival of a language means the survival of a people and a heritage. Yiddish means that survival to our people," said Rackman.

Prof. Gershon Winer, incumbent of the Rena Costa Chair, said Himel is dedicated to the trio of Yiddish, Israel and Jewish education. "He has had a lifelong dedication to everything associated with Yiddish and Yiddishkeit," said Winer.

He added that Himel has helped transmit the valuable

treasure of language to the young people of Israel.

Deeply touched, Himel addressed the group in Yiddish saying that this is the greatest honor of his life. "In my childhood, I never believed I would be honored in front of so many educated men," Himel said.

He thanked Bar-Ilan for helping him to make his visions a reality.

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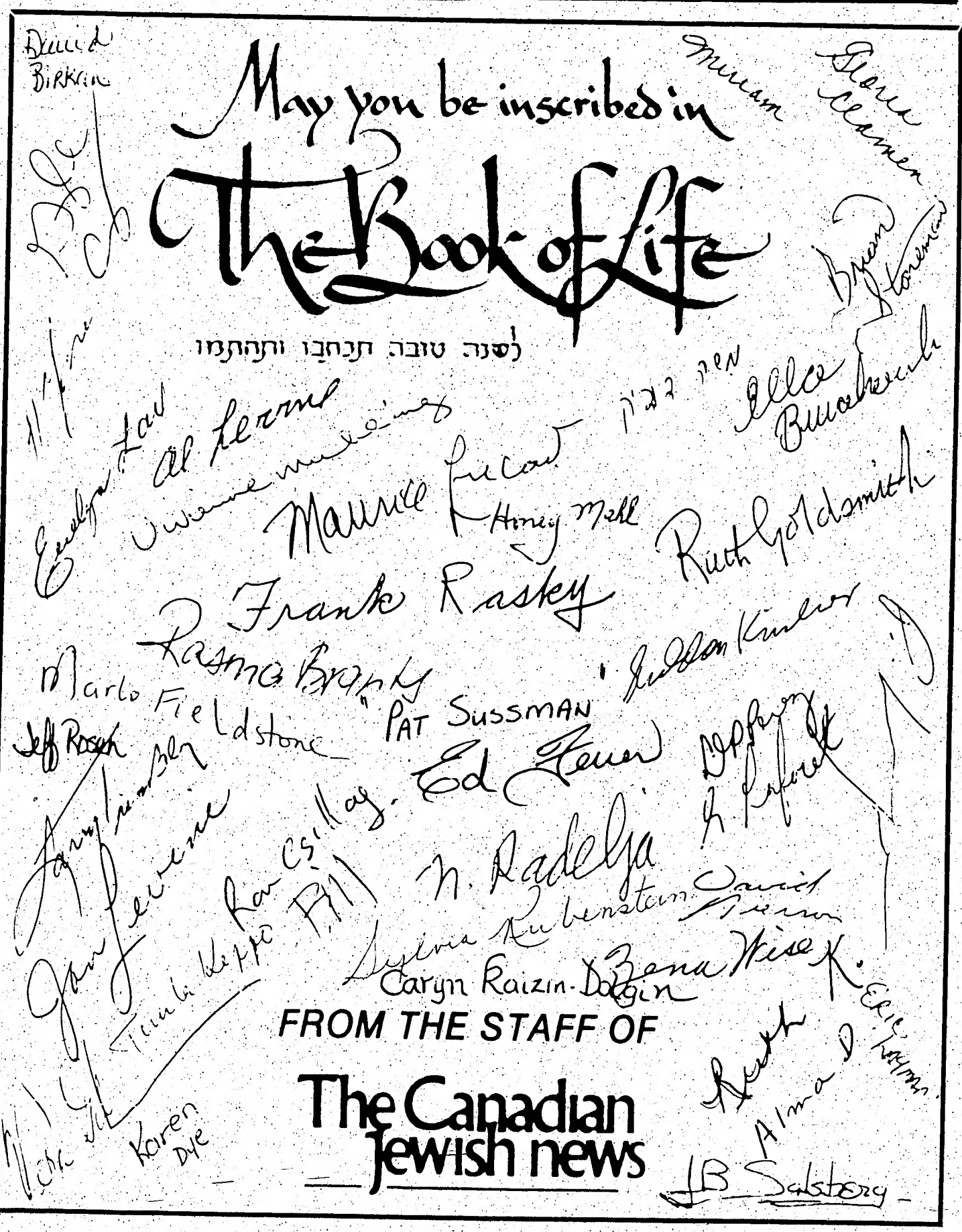
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The good, the bad and the potholes

Ex-Montrealers recall old times

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Tommy Schnurmacher's jokes may have bombed, but the May Wests sure hit the spot.

And although the smoked meat was cold and Mayor Jean Drapeau was a no-show and looking at Geraldine Doucet's dress required sunglasses and

lineups for drinks were 20 minutes long, the 3rd annual Montrealers' Gala reunion at the Sheraton Centre drew a few more than the 2,000 who attended last year's bash.

Obviously, Toronto has rubbed off on us former Montrealers. We chuckled politely at some of the jokes, talked about business, danced a bit (but not too much) and went

home. Early.

The Gazette loved it. The following Monday, the paper said the reunion "was as tame a party as any one they might hold at the Brampton Legion Hall." In other words, Yawn City.

Here, we can play a yes, but game. Yes, we may have become a tad staid from living in Toronto, but at least we don't have to

suffer pot-holes the size of lunar craters or language cops handing out summonses for eating English muffins or mayors having olympic-sized babies or bank robberies you can set your watch by (Fridays, 3 p.m.). [I could go on: transit strikes, kinky MNAs, Stephen and David Shiller...]

On the other hand, I may implode if I meet another high school classmate from Chomedey having baby number three and living in Thornhill.

For some unknown reason, the Montrealers' Gala has become less and less attractive to the approximately 15,000 Jewish ex-Montrealers now in Toronto.

This despite the fact that smoked meat from Schwartz's, bagels from St. Viateur and Mrs. Whyte's pickles were the gastronomic highlights.

Throughout this ethnic binge, a videotape recalling Schwartz's headier days was played over and over on oversized screens.

Ah, the days when the place was run by Reuben Schwartz, who died in 1971 and left it to his violinist friend Maurice Zbriger. We try to forget Schwartz's is now called Charcuterie Hebrique.

But the Stanley Cup was at the reunion for us to stare at and perhaps rub some salt in the wounds of those who may have given up on the Habs and (shudder) embraced the Leafs.

Although the galas generally have been attended by an older, non-Jewish crowd, there's always the odd pocket of expatriates from Cote St. Luc and Hampstead.

Young Jews leaving Montreal, a phenomenon that shows no signs of abating, has hurt the city's

community, perhaps irreparably, several studies have concluded. Demographically, it has meant the Jewish community in Montreal has not only shrunk to below the watershed level of 100,000 but also, that it has left it split between the young who have remained and the rapidly aging, and between the shrinking Ashkenazim and the growing Sephardim.

This has created expanded services for French-speaking Jews from North Africa but has triggered problems of "crisis" proportions for the aged, a recent study indicated.

In short, Montreal's painful loss of Jews has been Toronto's gain.

Mostly though, from what The CJN gathered from interviews, Jews have trekked down the 401 for much the same reasons as the other 65,000 or so ex-Montrealers: company transfers, more secure futures, better jobs and a calmer, less threatening political situation.

Interestingly, the evening's biggest laugh came from the landsman tables as a result of the story about the Jewish princess from Hampstead who made a porno movie called Debbie Does Nothing.

Late Joseph Kligman was ardent Yiddishist

ALBERT BAINERMAN comments here on the recent passing of his old friend, Yiddishist Joseph Kligman.

It is hard to accept the fact that Joseph Kligman is no longer with us. The Jewish Culture Council has lost one of its most active members — a man who served the cultural needs of the community with heart and soul.

He was an active, devoted member of the Zionist Labor Party, the Histadrut and many other organizations which he served

gladly. His essays enriched the minds of his readers. And he was much appreciated by Jewish communities all across Canada.

Mr. Kligman occupied a leading role in the Yiddish Culture Council for 15 years. As he often said, he was their "baby."

He came to the United States from the Ukraine in 1926.

He was a graduate of a theological seminary. For many years, he was the principal of the Windsor Peretz School. It was there that his academic and

educational talents came to the forefront and were recognized. In 1963, Kligman came to Toronto to occupy the position of principal of the Borochoy School. Many of his graduates are now living in Israel and others are active in the Borochoy Movement.

For a long time, Kligman was editor of the Zionist Labor Poale Zion paper Unzer Veg.

Mr. Kligman died on Sept. 15. Funeral services were held at Temple Sinai. The eulogy was delivered by a close friend, Chaim Finklestein, a guest from Israel, on behalf of The Bet Rishone Labor Zionist, in Tel Aviv.

For us in Toronto, The Yiddish Culture Council and The Committee For Yiddish of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the passing of Joe Kligman is a painful loss.

We extend our sympathy and condolence to his daughter Shulamit, his son-in-law, Harry Zimmerman, and to his grandchildren. We shall always bless his memory.

Urges freer immigration

TORONTO —

The Jewish community's commitment to Soviet Jewry should extend to all refugees, says Ontario's attorney-general, Ian Scott.

In delivering the annual Anatoly Scharansky Lecture on International Human Rights at the Adath Israel Synagogue, Scott praised Canada's Jewish community for its work on behalf of Soviet Jewry and called on Jews to lend their dedication to human rights and freedom to all refugees.

"As we work for the release of Soviet Jewry and the oppressed around the world, we will want to work for more open immigration policies here, fairly defined and fairly administered, because Canada is a refuge and a hope for untold thousands," Scott told about 100 people.

"The struggle of all Russian Jews... is a mirrored reflection of the plight of all refugees from political and social oppression across the world.

"As we commit ourselves again and promise to work for the freedom of Soviet Jewry, we do so not only because they are our friends, our relations, our people, but because they are refugees who seek freedom from oppression," Scott said.

"The leadership of the Jewish community of Ontario in this great project is natural not only because

fellow Jews are in chains and not free, but because of the profound historic commitment of your community to human rights and refugee resettlement, born of horrible experience over thousands of years."

Scott said Canada's own history gives examples of human rights violations: the experience of Chinese builders of Canada's railway, the incarceration of Japanese-Canadians during World War II, the attacks on religious minorities in Quebec during the 50s and the restrictive immigration policies on Jewish refugees during World War II.

We should bear that, as well as our own personal histories in mind, he added, when we react to Tamil refugees coming to Canada or when we castigate Sikhs for the behavior of a few.

"Just as the plight of Scharansky and Soviet Jews is reflected in the plight of refugees everywhere, so it is also reflected, although more dimly, in the position of minorities at home, whether it be Hutterites in Alberta or native Canadians."

Scott said Jews have the "opportunity and capacity" for leadership in this area and he called on the community to "redouble" its effort to work for human rights "not in isolation from the other refugees in this world, but because our Soviet brothers and sisters are among the refugees of the world."

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Ner Israel Joseph Tanenbaum Yeshiva

Vaughan campus honors Torah

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The new Vaughan campus of the Ner-Israel Joseph Tanenbaum Yeshiva was described as a beautiful way of honoring the Torah at its recent dedication ceremony attended by

some 400 persons.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Henoch Lebowitz, rosh yeshiva of the Chofetz Chayim Yeshiva System, confessed himself "overwhelmed by the magnificence and beauty of this wonderful campus. This is real koved haTorah (honoring the Torah)."

It is not, however,

enough merely to study the Torah, he told the Ner Israel alumni, supporters and most of Toronto's Orthodox rabbis assembled in the synagogue of the campus at 8950 Bathurst. "A person might be the greatest scholar, but if his deeds don't surpass his learning in quality, the learning is only temporary."

"Without midos (good character) there is no Torah."

The rabbi told Ner Israel student Yaakov Zalman Friedman, who earlier gave an enthusiastically received discourse on Torah, that he hoped that he and his friends will eventually take what they have absorbed at Ner Israel to outlying areas, where Jewish learning is so desperately needed, and the Jews there are "undergoing a spiritual holocaust."

The dedication ceremony was opened by executive vice-president Rabbi Moshe Friedman, Rabbi Herman Neuberger, vice-president of Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore, brought greetings and regrets from Rabbi Yaakov Ruderman, dean of roshai yeshiva in the U.S., whom Friedman described as a long-time friend and supporter of Ner Israel of Toronto.

Toronto Ner Israel rosh yeshiva Rabbi Naftali Friedler stressed the importance of a yeshiva, not just to the students, but as a means of uplifting the whole community.

Shortly before the official ceremony, the building was dedicated in memory of staunch supporter Joseph Silver, and the library in memory of Rabbi A. I. Rosenberg of Savannah, Ga., whose entire library was donated by his wife to the yeshiva.

Dinner chairman David Hofstetter, quoting the injunction to build holy places as beautiful as our homes, praised the Toronto Torah community for its "vision and courage" in starting to plan the new campus before the need became overwhelming, and at a time when the financial situation was very poor.

President Joseph Tanenbaum, celebrating his 80th birthday this year, told the enthusiastic audience that being able to bring greetings on behalf of the officers and board of directors on this occasion was "his finest birthday present."

He offered special congratulations and thanks to building chairman Abraham Bleeman, Sandy Hofstetter and Berish Zolty.

Special acknowledgements were made to Danny and Bill Rubenstein, who donated a sefer Torah, to Simon Yakubovic, for his work on the adjoining housing complex, to the Women's Auxiliary, who furnished the synagogue of the Yeshiva, to caterers

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klein, the dedication journal committee, and Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Kohn, who donated a scroll of the Books of Prophets.

It was also announced that a memorial scholarship has been set up in memory of murdered Ner Israel graduate Rabbi Notte (Neil) Rosenblum.

An award of recognition was given to Clanton Park Synagogue for establishing The Machzikei Hadas Clanton Park Synagogue Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, accepting the award on behalf of the synagogue, said the endowment is a visible reminder of the link between the synagogue community and the world of the yeshiva.



Seen are members of the steering committee of the Ben Nobleman 20th Anniversary Tribute Reception. Standing (from left) are Robert Rothman, Kevin Fullbrook, Bernard Parl and Sydney Solomons. Seated (from left) are Nobleman and Bryan Levman, ticket chairman.

Tribute set for Nobleman

TORONTO —

A number of friends of Alderman Ben Nobleman are holding a tribute reception in honor of his 20 consecutive years as an alderman for Ward 1 in the City of York.

The reception will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium, Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

Guest speakers will include Barbara McDougall, federal minister of state for privatization and the status of women; Monte Kwinter, Ontario consumer and commercial relations minister; Toronto Sun publisher Paul Godfrey; MPP David McFadden; Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae; MP John Nunziata; Toronto Mayor Arthur Eggleton, and York Mayor Alan Tonks.

Four years ago, the ratepayers in the alderman's area honored him by naming a park across from the Spadina Expressway, The Ben Nobleman Parkette.

He has been very active in the community for the past 25 years as a member of the Board of Directors, Northwestern General Hospital; president, Sterling Lodge; B'nai B'rith; founding board member, Winona Housing Co-operative; president, Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent; past president, Toronto Branch, ACTRA; member, Metro Social Planning Council; member, Variety Club; chairman, Neth Shalom Brotherhood Breakfast Club; and member, re-

gional executive, Canadian Jewish Congress; life member, Men's Service Group, Bayercrest Centre.

Organizers of the tribute say Nobleman has led many battles in his 20 years on council, pointing to his advocacy of increased affordable housing in Metro Toronto and Canada, increased Canadian content on radio and TV, and more Canadian headliners at the CNE Grandstand.

He has had favorable resolutions passed at York Council, Association of municipalities of Ontario and at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Tickets for the reception can be obtained by calling Bryan Levman at 783-3312.

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By
LORI SMITH

The creation of minimal, sophisticated, fashion-forward menswear is the aim of Montreal designers, Marcel Denomme and Louise Vincent.

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Louise Vincent explains that she and Denomme

want to try new products and designs but are aware that most men will not wear clothing that is too far out.

"So we are trying to build something at the same speed as the public. We know that with menswear we have to take one step at a time and grow together with the consumer."

This fall and winter the pair is offering a number of suits, coats, pants and jackets marked not only by their styling but by the fabrics that have been used.

In fact, Vincent says that

this season the fabrics themselves were the inspiration for the line.

"The fabrics had a lot of texture, felt good to touch and had a lot of shine. One featured a stain-glass window design. And then they were accented by a good cut and fit."

The fabrics, imported from Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Japan, combine synthetics with natural fibres.

"There's a lot of viscose, rayon, wool, cotton and polyester. Before we didn't touch synthetics, but now it's so well made that we can't refuse it."

The styles of the garments reflect an easy, retro-elegance. They have rediscovered and updated the "zoot suit," with its semi-fitted jacket and baggy pants. Their coats are ear-length and reminiscent of the early 60s. Oversized shoulders and lapels are their key characteristics.

Their stylish shirts are generously cut and worn buttoned to the neck, with or without a moderately narrow tie. Jackets feature welt pockets and more often than not the trousers are front pleated.

However, the real fashion in the line is reflected in the use of silver: one of this season's most important colors and looks.

In Toronto, the Denomme-Vincent collection is available at Robert Mann stores and Fab on Queen Street W.



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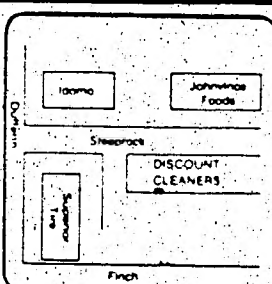
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Fashion

The fashion story

Metals make strong move in jewelry

By
LORI SMITH

Metals of all kinds are the fashion story in jewelry this fall and winter.

Vivah Goldberg, co-owner and designer for the five Vivah accessory stores in Toronto, Pickering, Unionville and Hamilton, says that this season metals and variations on metal looks are the strongest trends.

"Gold, silver and copper are all being used and they can have any finish — matte, frosted, sand-blasted, textured or shiny. As for size, jewelry is still big but it has been tailored down a bit."

A number of looks are now "in"

She explains that pearls and black pieces are still important because they are part of the fashion scheme for the season.

"In general, jewelry colors are keyed to the clothes that are being shown. We have many naturals, bottle green, shades of fuchsia

through purple, wine, cobalt blue, grey, black, white, brown, beige, pumpkin and mustard. There are far fewer accents of bright color than in spring and summer."

Goldberg says that she and her partner, Zell Goodbaum, have done a line of snakeskin jewelry

that is based on naturals but will also have color. They like their designs and the products they import to be made of natural materials like wood, shell or snakeskin not plastic.

She says that this fall jewelry is tailored down but it is definitely still sculptural.

"But I think there's a lot more freedom of expression in jewelry now because there's more of it on the market as a result of increased demand. Since there is such an abundance and it is a wanted item there's more room for some of the more expensive things."

People are seeing fashion jewelry everywhere so they are a bit more conscious of reflecting beyond the basic. They want something unusual. So while you'll still have something classic and tailored it will be just a little bit different."

She says there are a number of looks that are "in" now including the romantic trend that features florals and pearls; the western-influenced styles such as bolos that use turquoise and coral and the Chanel look.

However, Goodbaum

says that it is more important to talk about colors and materials than looks.

One of the distinguishing features of the Vivah line is that 95% of the materials used are organic and it is primarily handmade, not stamped or punched out.

In addition they offer a number of products ranging from relatively inexpensive fashion jewelry like bangles from India to Goldberg's 1-of-a-kind sterling silver creations.

They have 100 new earring styles for fall including faux pas rhinestone sets. But Goldberg reminds one that the store is devoted to accessories not just jewelry. So along with the earrings, bracelets and necklaces they offer hair combs, scarves, handbags and belts.

Men are offered heavy sterling silver identification links, tie bars, cuff links, collar tips and wrist bands. Plus unusual items such as a miniature coat rack in sterling.

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Arts

Kubalek performance a highlight

World-class musicians raise funds for dental group

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

An ideal combination of world-class musicians, pianist Antonin Kubalek, violinist Rivka Golani and Cantor Louis Danto, accompanied by Vera Danchenko, performed at a private fund raising soiree for Dental Volunteers for Israel at which many of Toronto's leading socialites attended.

The highlight of the 2-hour concert was Antonin Kubalek's rendition of

Chopin's Third (Summer) Ballade. This great Czech-born exile (from the Soviet invasion of his homeland in 1968) imparted a mature fusion of great power and tender sensitivity.

He conveyed the most natural combination of flamboyance and grace to this 10-minute piece which, in terms of development of the two major themes, is one of Chopin's most intricately constructed works. Kubalek began with Tchaikovsky's Seasons (three selections) and concluded with Smetana's Polka from Czech Dances.

Following Cantor Danto's interpretations of one of the best-loved arias from Georges Bizet's opera The Pearlfishers, A Liede in Yiddish, and one of the

most powerful contemporary Israeli popular songs, Lo Teda Milchama (No More War), he performed two Yiddish songs by Mordecai Gebirtig with Rivka Golani which had been specially orchestrated by Srul Irving Glick.

Gebirtig's Mojshele Mein Ereindt, especially in today's era of remember when movies such as The Big Chill and Peggy Sue Got Married, is a timeless classic dealing with long-lost hopes and aspirations seen many years later.

Glick's arrangements for Rivka Golani, which properly took some liberties with the original melody, greatly enhanced the poignancy of the bittersweet message of the lyrics.

Rivka Golani's opening

solo set consisted of brief works by Brahms (Hungarian Dance), Kreisler and Moussorgsky.

Unfortunately, soprano Roxolana Roszak, who was also scheduled to perform, had to cancel at the last minute due to a high fever. She'll perform for DVI same time, next year.

Pianist Andrew Markov, who frequently performed in Kiev prior to leaving the USSR for Canada, will accompany soprano Ginette Duplessis and Margot Onoderam, flutist, at the Royal Conservatory Concert Hall Oct. 9 at 5:15 p.m.

Markov is currently a member of the Conservatory's piano faculty, and currently serves as chair-

man of the keyboard department. He is also an instructor at the University of Toronto faculty of music.

The pianist performed frequently in Kiev in solo and chamber music concerts, and with the Kiev Philharmonic, Ukrainian State Radio and TV Orchestra, and the Kiev Conservatory Opera Studio Orchestra.

In Canada, he holds piano workshops across the country, and recently gave a master class and recital at

the Royal Conservatory examination centre in Hong Kong.

Toronto's Brahm Goldhammer, who has frequently musically directed and accompanied synagogue choirs here, will accompany, on piano, soprano Catherine Slovak at the Royal Conservatory on Oct. 15 at 12:15 p.m. For further information, call 978-3771.

Prokofiev's Overture

on Hebrew Themes will be performed at Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall, Oct. 9. For details call Centrestage.

It is indeed curious that the USSR State Orchestra will be performing at Roy Thomson Hall on erev Yom Kippur. One must wonder: Was the timing deliberate, to avoid demonstrations for Soviet Jewry during their 1-night stop in the city with Canada's largest Jewish population?



Socializing after performing at the Dental Volunteers for Israel concert are (from left) Louis Danto, Antonin Kubalek, Rivka Golani and Vera Danchenko.

Stone started with Winnipeg Ballet

Dance world mourns death

By
GENE TELPNER

WINNIPEG —

The international world of dance is mourning the death of famed dancer-director-choreographer Paddy Stone who began his professional career in Winnipeg.

Stone, who died at age 64 in Winnipeg and was buried in the Shaarey Zedek Cemetery, started his climb to success as a principal dancer with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in the 1930s.

At that time the fledgling company was barely known outside of Winnipeg, but when Stone left for greener fields it was already gaining prestige for the quality of its work.

In later years, despite his numerous top bracket professional assignments, Stone retained his connection with the RWB. He created three special works for the company that have received international acclaim.

They are Bolero, Hands,



Paddy Stone

and Variations on 'Strike Up The Band, all of which have received rave reviews in numerous performances in many parts of the world.

In Stone's early years, his dancing ability won him leading roles in Annie Get Your Gun, Brigadoon, and he was a principal dancer with the prestigious Royal Ballet in London, England.

For many years he made his home in London, and was the choreographer for several hit shows there including Maggie May and

Carnival. He was known as the favorite choreographer of the Royal Family.

Julie Andrews wanted him to do all of her choreography and coaching. When she opened the first time in Las Vegas, the dances were all Stone creations and Andrews flew him in to be there during her shows.

For the hit film Victor Victoria in which she co-starred with Robert Preston, Julie Andrews wanted Stone to take a dancing role in the movie. But he turned it down. However, he did do the choreography for both Andrews and Preston in the picture. However, Stone had been in several films, some were Invitation To Dance, The Good Companions, and As Long As They're Happy.

Winnipeggers acclaimed his work as the director of Kismet at Rainbow Stage in 1984; Jack Shapira, managing director of Rainbow Stage who hired Stone for that assignment, said: "He was a marvelous

talent who knew everything about producing, directing, and dancing. Paddy was a wonderful gentleman, with a great sense of humor, and he's going to be missed very much.

When Stone first joined the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, he was only 16 and had been working in a clothing factory. In those Winnipeg days, it wasn't exactly fashionable for a young Jewish man to become a dancer. Years later Stone was hailed as a pioneer in his field.

In recent years he had divided his time in Europe, Hawaii, and Winnipeg where he was devoted to his 86-year-old mother, Mrs. Lottie Stone. Hundreds of friends attended the graveside service including many from the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

There were flowers sent from many stars including Julie Andrews, John Dankworth, Cleo Laine, several English dance companies, and Winnipeggers who respected him.



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Says lecher image his greatest literary creation

Layton claims he's been leading double life

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Irving Layton let loose another bombshell. At 74, still Canada's most provocative poet, three times nominated for the Nobel Prize and a winner of the Governor-General's Award, Layton made a startling revelation at the recent Jewish Book Fair.

Standing on centre stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre, his silvery locks rippling in the spotlight like an aureole and looking theatrically Beethovenesque in his velvet green turtleneck sweater, he revealed to the crowd of 150 fans that he had been leading a double life for the past 40 years.

He confessed that his greatest literary creation was the "outrageous, womanizing lecher" known to the public as Irving Layton.

"I'll go further than that," he said. "The fictional personality called Irving Layton is my most successful masterpiece, equal to any character in Dickens or Thackeray."

He had assumed that Byronic pose as a promotional device to induce Canadians to read the 50 books of passionate verse that he has turned out since 1945, when he first burst on the literary scene, calling himself our national aphrodisiac.

Indeed, the poseur's mask was so successful, he said, that it had been accepted as the real person by Elspeth Cameron, author of the recent controversial biography, *Irving Layton: A Portrait*.

Layton has since condemned it as "the most mendacious book I have ever read." He maintains its 518 pages are filled with falsified facts which malign him as "a sexual predator" and anti-semitic innuendos which make it a "modern literary Dreyfus affair."

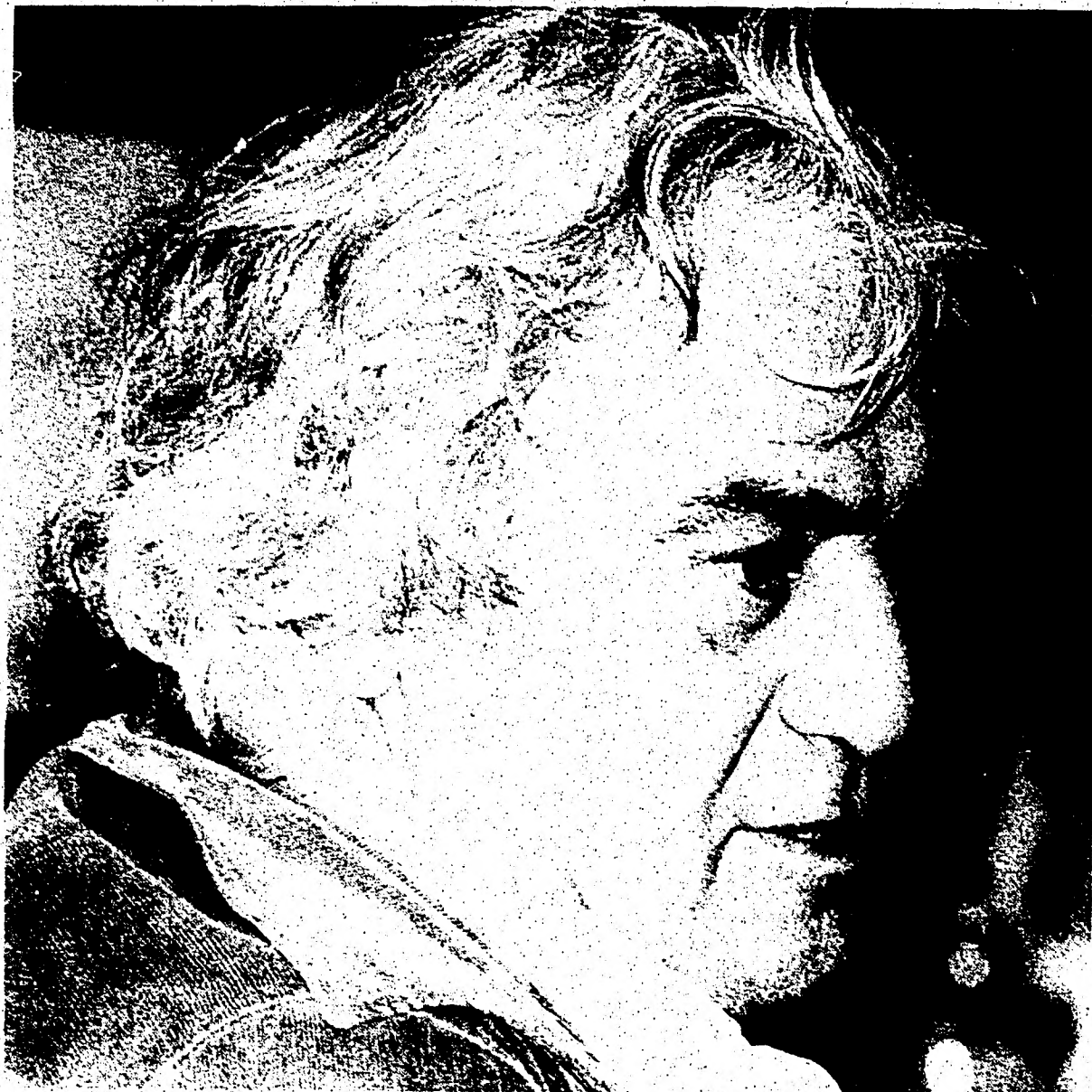
Shrewdly uses ironic humor

But at the Jewish Book Fair, Layton shrewdly employed ironic humor rather than outrage to ridicule his opponent.

He had the crowd howling with laughter as he exposed one blooper after another that the so-called "scholar" had perpetrated about Jewish customs.

He was astonished to learn from this distinguished academic researcher that little Irving had failed to have his bar mitzvah on his 12th birthday; that his pious Orthodox father used to drag him to the women's *mikveh* ritual bath used by them after menstruation; that his father rather than his mother lit the Sabbath candles; and that a marriage arranged by a *shadchan* was known in Yiddish as a "shotgun" wedding.

As for her claim that Layton as a teacher had preyed sexually on his female students, the poet said with amusement that the only one he'd ever slept with after classes was the woman who became one of his five wives.



Looking Beethovenesque, Irving Layton, Canada's most provocative poet, enthralled the crowd at Jewish Book Fair.

In an interview preceding his magnificent poetry reading, Layton relaxed over a couple of bottles of Heineken beer and revealed yet another persona he had concealed behind his omnipresent mask.

This Layton was the doting father of four children (ranging in age from 6-year-old Samantha to 40-year-old Max who is a Toronto novelist); the charming raconteur (who admits he can be as hammy as a Barrymore when telling a tale or teaching a class); the intensely committed craftsman (who may rewrite a poem 150 times before being satisfied); and the benign husband (who speaks only in loving terms of the five women he married).

This reporter found it rather touching to observe the affection shared by the 74-year-old bard and his fifth wife, 27-year-old Anna Pottier.

Since they began living together four years ago, it's clearly been a love affair based on mutual admiration.

"At last I'm well-mated," said Layton with a sigh of contentment. "She's devoid of the usual wiles ascribed to females. She's extremely intelligent, emotionally honest, and with a little guidance from me, is developing into a fine poet and short story writer."

"And he's my idea of a perfect husband," said Anna.

She's a buxom, jolly-faced Acadian from a village near Yarmouth, NS, who first met him at a Layton poetry reading at Dalhousie University, has since acquired a love for his Jewish culture, and obviously adores him.

"The only flaw I've detected is that he puts too much chili pepper in his spaghetti," she said. "As for being vain, he's the most modest man I've ever met."

Not surprisingly, Layton agrees with this somewhat extreme assessment.

"Contrary to the public picture of me, I don't think I have a modicum of narcissism," he gravely insisted. "I have great humility rather than vanity. I'm humble before the great masters of literature, such as Dante, Shakespeare, Pushkin and Gorky."

"How do you rank yourself in the hierarchy of talent?" I asked.

"I'm up there with some of the good ones, like Yeats, Eliot and Robert Frost. And in Canadian poetry, I like to think I can be mentioned along with at least two poets, I admire — A. M. Klein and Leonard Cohen."

"How do you regard the function of being a poet?"

"I regard myself as a prophet and a seer as in days of yore," he said. "That's because of my Jewish heritage."

"What else does your Jewishness mean to you?"

"It means everything to me," he said simply. "A Jew is a member of a race of people who've had a tragic encounter with history. My Jewishness has given me a world view. It's a privilege to be a Jew."

"What does Israel mean to you?"

"Along with poetry, friendships and my dedication to teaching, it is something I would die for."

"Have you ever been asked to make that sacrifice?" I asked.

"No," he said with a smile. "But when I was teaching in Israel in 1973, I volunteered to fight with the troops during the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. I was properly put in my place by an Israeli official. 'You can best help our war effort,' he told me jocularly, 'by enlisting in the Arab army.'"

"Isn't it difficult to live with a temperamental genius?" I asked her.

"Not at all," she said. "When he's composing a poem, I accept it that he's living in his own world, and I feel it's a privilege to see great poetry being written. And when he's not writing, he's a barrel of fun."

"Surely this saint must have at least one imperfection," I said teasingly. "What about the vanity that's supposed to come naturally to all poets?"

New volume of poetry

He said he ordinarily loves a good "intellectual slug fest," and indeed, a Canadian scholar named Erwin Wiens has completed a PhD thesis being converted into a book titled *The Controversies Of Irving Layton*.

But he considers his dispute with the vindictive Cameron biography more deep-seated than that.

He particularly resents her concluding chapter in which she speaks of him in the past tense as a poet whose career died in the mid-1960s.

As a poet who has been publishing at least one new volume a year, he says with mordant irony, it would appear that his demise has been announced somewhat prematurely.

He is currently preparing a new volume of poems which will be published next year in both Canada and Israel. Titled *In My Father's House*, it will be dedicated to "Father Abraham and his amazing progeny."

In addition, the University of British Columbia Press will publish next year *The Selected Letters Of Irving Layton* edited by Francis Mansbridge; also the renowned Italian artist Aligi Sassu is issuing a portfolio of 15 etchings and lithographs to illustrate 15 of Layton's poems dealing with the Holocaust.

I told Layton that he should feel no remorse about being buried alive by a mediocre Boswell. If for nothing else, I told him in all sincerity, he would be remembered for his own beautifully-written memoirs about his Jewish boyhood in Montreal, published last year by McClelland & Stewart under the title of *Waiting For The Messiah*.

A true masterpiece, each of its 253 pages glows with genuine artistry, as when Layton, with his "hot Hebrew heart," expresses what he has spent his life striving to achieve:

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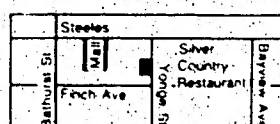
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Arts

Ever-moving, throbbing with a rhythm of its own

Agam's kinetic art challenges viewer at every turn

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

As far as Yaacov Agam is concerned, Judaism and art are so intertwined, they may as well be the same thing.

In Agam's mind, Judaism is creativity and creating: man, he points out, was created in God's image and God warns against creating graven images. Agam depicts divine energy and gravity through man-made perception, and at every turn, challenges the viewer.

"My art is Jewish in concept," says Agam, arguably one of the greatest living artists today and no doubt the top name in contemporary Israeli art. "It's alive. It's moving. What is important are the values behind my work."

Agam surely fits the part. Now 58, his great shock of white hair, large, unruly beard and wild but sparkling eyes are every bit

those of an artist in his prime.

Agam was in Toronto recently for an auction at the Art Gallery of Ontario of his lithographs, serigraphs, paintings, sculptures and "multiples," the proceeds from which went to the construction of the Beth Abraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue in Thornhill.

In all, \$50,000 was raised for the synagogue, which is scheduled for completion by this time next year. When finished, it will be the largest Orthodox congregation in Canada.

Agam's work is instantly recognizable. Using bright colors and geometric patterns of distinct forms and repetitions, his art is ever-moving, throbbing with a rhythm of its own. As a pioneer of the kinetic art movement, Agam is interested in infusing his art with a life of its own and in forcing a viewer to look at it more than once.

The son of an Orthodox rabbi in Rishon Letzion, Agam ended up in Paris in the 1950s, where he quickly gained a reputation in avant-garde circles. In 1955, he became the first artist to have a wholly kinetic art show, much to the consternation of critics. But kinetic art was born and Agam became its chief proponent.

As the 20th century progressed, so did the artist's work. With time, Agam exploited the new technologies and created 3-dimensional images that "moved" depending on where the viewer stood. Other works challenged the viewer's senses. Small portions of prints would stick up, with separate patterns on the raised parts' sides, again giving different meanings to the art depending on one's vantage point. Menorahs have parts that can be spun with a finger, while "Agamographs" look as though the artist (or viewer) is peering through a lenticular lens. His art invites participation.

As opposed to the static picture, Agam's work of-

fers a sense of dynamism in which harmony and contrast co-exist. Sometimes, as in his picture-sculpture pivoting on a 360-degree axis, it makes no difference whether one moves or doesn't: here, we have a combined play of color, form and composition, moving in space and time. Time — the fourth dimension — is important to Agam. "In Judaism," he told The CJN in an interview "you don't kill time. You express it by action."

Plainly, the artist has been deeply influenced, he notes, by the Judaic precept that reality cannot be represented in a graven image and that what is seen or observed consists of fragmented images that cannot be grasped as a whole. "We are visually illiterate," he contends. "We oververbalize everything. I am trying to stimulate the creative — the Jewish — part of the brain."

In the past decade, Agam's work has branched out to include interior design, furniture, stained glass windows and re-

coloring the facades of entire buildings. His tour-de-force, though, was unveiled only a few months ago.

The Fire-Water Sculpture, a massive work that sits in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Square, consists of five concentric circles in a wedding-cake like, tiered construction. The top and bottom rings are fixed but the middle three rotate and each has different colored images going by. At the top, a plume of fire is ringed by several jets of water. In all, it jars the senses.

"You can't put fire and water together, but you can in art," the artist smiles. He's hoping the work will become a symbol of Tel Aviv. At least, he adds, it signals yet another phase in his work: multi-dimensional sculpture, using color, (because the Biblical symbol of the rainbow is one of hope), movement and a little extra, just to make one think.



Yaacov Agam

Cain production is lacking in force

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Christopher Cain's *Where the River Runs Black*, is a quiet, esthetically pleasing film.

Based on Toronto journalist David Kendal's novel, it is about a lonely orphan boy plucked from the Brazilian jungle by a well-meaning priest who doesn't realize he is doing him more harm than good.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Where the River Runs Black* retells an Indian legend that is both fanciful and appealing.

Father Mahoney (Peter Horton), an idealistic priest, makes love to a beautiful enchantress living deep in the jungle. In retribution for his waywardness, fate intervenes: A river monster overturns his boat and he is drowned.

Their union produces a boy who is brought up by his mother in the forest. One day, avaricious traders from the city kill her and heave her son into the river, leaving him for dead. The white dolphins of the Rio Negro, a tributary of the Amazon, protect and nurture him.

Father O'Reilly (Charles Durning) finds the boy

(Alessandro Rabelo), takes him to an orphanage and renames him Lazaro. Lazaro adapts to city life with the greatest of difficulty, but he finds a good friend in Segundo, a fellow orphan.

Lazaro becomes greatly agitated when Orlando Santos (Castulo Guerra), a local politician, visits the orphanage. Lazaro is convinced that Santos is the man who murdered his mother.

The film, which is billed as the first Hollywood production recorded completely in digital stereo sound, unfolds as Lazaro attempts to wreak vengeance on Santos. From an esthetic point of view, *Where the River Runs Black* is undoubtedly appealing. The camera pans lovingly over magnificent jungle vistas and pastel skies. And the acoustics, as may well be in agitated, are startling in places.

But, for all its visual beauty and ethereal quality, it lacks force. And sometimes, in his haste to be profound, Cain is merely prosaic.

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Tina Turner a fan

Musical duo breathes new life into the harp, flute

By
HARRY MARGEL

TORONTO —

Many people used to think of the harp as an old, pretentious instrument, appropriate for playing ancient music in the symphony hall for those whose tastes and background it was associated with.

But now, due to the talent and creativity of a local pair of musicians, the sophisticated harp has transcended both its traditional musical and cultural boundaries.

Calling themselves CLAZZ, this musical duo — consisting of harpist Joanna Jordan, and flutist Ian Hawkins — has been building and playing a repertoire of music encompassing everything from classical to jazz. And cater-

ing to just about every taste, they have been playing in the widest imaginable range of venues.

When Jordan, the daughter of a Jewish, U.S. Air Force colonel, first began studying at the University of Toronto, after moving here with her family 12 years ago, she thought she would major in math and psychology. But soon she found herself attracted to music where she obtained her performance degree.

On her own, she began working at the Royal York's Gazebo and Imperial Room where rock star Tina Turner would often come in and compliment her on her music. Jordan worked there until, in 1983, she began to get assignments on a freelance basis.

"I got an engagement for the opening of L'Hotel," said Jordan, who was beginning to feel that the harp was not loud enough, and its music not exciting enough by itself. Deciding that another instrument was needed, "I suggested a flute, and began auditioning flute players," she said. And that's when she found Hawkins.

"I had been working with a pianist who had just left for Vancouver when Joanna phoned. I said, 'this is just great,' when I found out we'd be playing contemporary, and pop music too," said Hawkins.

"I originally played cello in high school," he recalled, "but I got tired of lugging it around, so I changed to the flute... now I'm lugging around Joanna's harp!"

Not long ago, the two played the national anthems at a Cleveland — Blue Jays game. Hawkins said he felt compelled to carry the huge, and very awkward, 85-pound harp up to the pitcher's mound.

"I wasn't going to let people see Joanna doing it, because the last time that happened we were playing live on the news program on Global TV, and the announcer made me feel ashamed that I let her do it," Hawkins joked.

While CLAZZ has been getting some popular exposure, the duo's main business is playing private affairs, like weddings, or corporate functions. The latter, when enumerated, sounds like a who's who of Canadian business.

"We have played for Molson's board of directors, Cineplex, Jaguar, Labatt's, Royal LePage, SunLife, Northern Telecom, the Ontario ministry of commercial relations, the prominent fashion designer, Alfred Sung at the Eaton Centre, and a fund raiser for Yeshiva University. On Canada Day, we played for the public at Queen's Park," said Jordan.

The two have been busy, sometimes playing 10 jobs a week. And with all the business there is a lot of office work that needs to be done, hardly leaving any time for anything else.

"I do lots of accounting and paperwork," said Jordan, "averaging about six to eight hours on the phone, and three to four hours on the computer."

Jordan attributes her busy schedule to the fact that CLAZZ is a unique concept.

"We are the only ones capable of playing to the extent that we do," she

said of their musical range.

Recently, CLAZZ produced a 45-minute cassette tape that includes selections from virtually every style of music. Rock, classical, pop, and jazz are featured, without failing to include

the popular Erev Shel Shoshanim which is a favorite at Jewish weddings.

"We find that at Jewish functions, people are particularly interested in a wide range of music," said

Jordan, "and when we played for a convention of Reform rabbis at the Casa Loma, their favorite Israeli chassidic tunes had them all up and dancing."

CLAZZ can be reached by calling 967-HARP.



Hawkins and Jordan — The Clazz duo.

German film takes a fun look at infidelity, revenge

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

If anyone still thinks that the Germans are incapable of projecting humor, they should repair to the Showcase to see Doris Dorrie's film, *Men*.

The two major themes in *Men*, infidelity and revenge, are handled deftly. What we have here is a picture that is basically lighthearted and invariably funny.

One morning, Julius (Heiner Lauterbach), a well-off advertising executive, presents a 12th anniversary gift to his wife Paula (Ulrike Kreiner), only to find a bruise on her

neck. He immediately realizes that Paula is having an affair.

Julius protests, though not too loudly, since he is not perfect either. He has had his affairs, but he's essentially content in his marriage.

Paula's lover, Stefan (Uwe Ochsenknecht), an unemployed graphic artist, is a child of the 1960s, a disheveled, long-haired hippie. Paula, a pampered woman with a conventional bourgeois lifestyle, is attracted to him because she has become bored with Julius.

Determined to win back Paula, Julius concocts a plot to undo Stefan's budding relationship with his wife. Assuming an alias,

he moves into Stefan's decrepit quarters and conspires to turn him into a typical organization man.

Julius buys him fancy Italian clothes, cuts his shaggy blond hair and wickedly waits for Paula's inevitable reaction. In the process, they form what can only be described as an offbeat friendship.

Men, which is peppered with shrewdly-observed comments, moves along at a pretty brisk pace, and the performers do not let Dorrie down.

An enormous hit in West Germany, the film never takes itself too seriously, and it leaves you with the feeling that the battle of the sexes is far from over.

Ulrike Kriener as Paula whose affair with a bohemian artist throws her philandering husband into turmoil in *Men*.

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Arts

The Letter, engrossing, well-researched and well-told

Plaut's novel about Holocaust informs and entertains



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Letter, by W. Gunther Plaut. McClelland & Stewart, \$22.95.

The redoubtable Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut — scholar, lecturer, communal leader — has now written his first novel in the form of a thriller. It is described on the book's jacket as "a tale of high politics and ordinary folk, of rape and revenge, of war and its legacy." It is all of that — and more.

It should be indicated at

the outset that *The Letter* is engrossing, intelligent, well-researched and well-told. Like other novels of this genre involving intrigue, espionage, a convoluted plot and a cast of disparate characters, the reader must undergo a willing suspension of disbelief. Mavens of the thriller may shake their heads a bit when confronted by hairbreadth escapes and unlikely coincidences. But the author masterfully ties up all the loose ends, in-

geniously disposes of his characters one by one and brings the book to a neat and triumphant conclusion.

The Letter is meant to inform as well as to entertain. Its time-frame is the fateful decade, 1933-1945, and vividly describes events such as Crystal Night of 1938; the Wannsee Conference of 1942 at which "fifteen men assembled to lay final plans to exterminate every last Jew in Europe, including those who lived in as yet unconquered Britain," the assassination of Heydrich, protector of Bohemia and Moravia; the Stauffenberg Plot to kill Hitler; and the liberation of a Nazi concentration camp by the American Army.

The inability of the book's heroine to rouse the interest or move the conscience of the free world to her news about Hitler's

Final Solution is galling and infuriating. Despite her fervid appeals for help and understanding she meets with widespread apathy, anti-semitism and an unwillingness to believe the truth about Nazi intentions.

A rabbi explains to her, "Hitler is a monster, that's for sure but will he really kill all the Jews in his domain? It's incredible. None of our enemies has ever attempted such a thing. Expelled, tortured, killed, but never systematically exterminated. So, you see, I have trouble believing that he means it; and you know that it's just like in the time of Moses in Egypt: the people didn't believe Moses, so how could he expect Pharaoh to believe him? You're a voice crying in the wilderness."

It is a tribute to the author's skill and craft-

smanship that the background material is introduced adroitly and unobtrusively. The reader learns much about an era as he quickly turns the exciting pages.

The plot revolves around the growing awareness by Helga, a young, attractive idealist from a German assimilated family, of the menace of Hitlerism. When she kills her sadistic, adopted brother, a letter falls into her possession, addressed to Goering, ordering the extermination of European Jews and signed by Hitler himself.

In an attempt to retrieve the document and prevent incriminating evidence from reaching the anti-Nazi world, German agents pursue Helga and her American lover, Major

Ken Driscoll, across several continents.

In the end the Nazis are thwarted. Driscoll who had been abducted and sent by submarine to Germany and a concentration camp, where his identity is hidden under a Jewish name, is liberated.

He is converted to Judaism by Rabbi Leo Baeck whom he had met in the camp. "I will die in the next week or two and join the millions already sacrificed. I want to die as a Jew. In their eyes I am one, and in my eyes too. I want you to say yes to me too on behalf of the Jewish

people. I was coerced to be a Jew when I came. I want to leave here as one who willingly identifies himself as a Jew and does so with all his heart."

"There is of course no mikveh." But says the rabbi, "we'll have to improvise. A shower will do. Our rabbis always met special conditions with special adjustments."

My colleague and mentor Gunther Plaut will not displace Ken Follet or Robert Ludlum, but then, again, they did not write our generation's most useful Commentary on the Torah.

Empathetic and funny odyssey

Lemmon amuses in That's Life

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Harvey Fairchild, an affluent California architect, is having his problems.

He's turned 60 and is feeling intimations of mortality. Aches and pains of all description wrack his body, and he's pretty disillusioned with his otherwise prosperous career.

Even his new Jaguar isn't performing as it should be. Poor Harry. Nothing seems to be going right for him.

But Harry (Jack Lemmon), the chief character in Blake Edwards' new film, *That's Life*, is really, a lucky guy. The trouble is, he doesn't realize it.

Harry's wife, Gillian (Julie Andrews), loves him dearly; his children haven't turned on him; he lives a life of ease, and is financially well off.

You and I should only be as fortunate. But Harry doesn't count his blessings, as he most certainly should. He wallows in his angst, like a whimpering, complaining child.

In *That's Life*, now playing at the Hyland, Edwards follows the trials and tribulations of Harry through several days. It is quite an odyssey. He commits adultery with a client as well as with a fortune teller (Felicia Farr, his wife off the screen), turns to religion and discovers that the priest is an old college chum, and consults his doctor for the umpteenth time.

Harry, to put it mildly, is self-absorbed. He has no idea that his wife, whom he adores, is going through a crisis herself.

Their family doctor, a fellow who drives a Mercedes, has found a granular patch in her throat that may or may not be malignant.

Gillian is as frightened as she ought to be, but, unlike Harry, she keeps her

troubles to herself. Obviously, she is far stronger, and far less selfish, than Harry.

Julie Andrews, the wife of Blake Edwards, is as lovely to look at now, at 50, as she was in *The Sound of Music* some 20 years ago. But Miss Andrews is also an accomplished actress. For the better part of *That's Life* she maintains a cheerful, cool demeanor, only breaking down in a gush of tears when the prospect of death looms larger than life.

Jack Lemmon, the quintessential comic, is excellent. Through marvelous gestures and timing, he leaves an indelible impression. Lemmon hasn't been as effective in years.

Robert Loggia, in his role as a liquor-guzzling priest, is quite amusing. But Sally Kellerman, who portrays a family friend, comes off rather poorly.

That's Life is a modest, low-budget film without any pretensions. It

doesn't move emotions too deeply, nor does it have anything special to say about the human condition. But it is surprisingly empathetic and funny enough to sustain a viewer's interest.

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Travel

Training manager addresses tourism meet

Programs aim to improve Israeli reputation for service

By
PAUL LÜNGEN

TORONTO —

Attracting the tourist dollar is a competitive business these days. People spending thousands of dollars abroad demand and expect top-notch facilities and attentive service.

With that in mind, and cognizant of Israel's sometimes tarnished reputation for service, the Israeli hospitality industry is making strides to improve its service through

specially designed training programs.

Keeping up to date with trends in the industry is one of Benjamin Gjebin's jobs. As managing director of Israel Hotels' Professional Training Fund (IHPTF), Gjebin was in Toronto recently to attend the 7th World Conference of Tourism, Hospitality and Education.

The IHPTF, a joint enterprise of the Israel Hotel Association, the Histadrut and the ministry of labor, is concerned

about keeping the Israeli hospitality industry competitive with other Mediterranean countries such as Greece and Spain.

Gjebin was in Toronto to meet people from the tourism industry from around the world, to trade ideas and to see what's new in training programs and films in other environments.

As part of his 11-day North American stay, he visited New York and Providence, RI, to see if American experts were available to assist in training staff in Israeli hotels.

"Nice hotels are not enough," Gjebin conceded. "We have to do more about manpower, create a good attitude and proper treatment" for the guests.

Service in Israel has changed, Gjebin stated.

"It's not like it used to be."

A major reason for that improvement is a slate of educational courses offered by the industry. So far, 4,000 employees — 1/4 of the entire industry — have participated in training and upgrading programs, everyone from dishwashers to chambermaids to those in management positions.

And the program is constantly expanding, with major training centres at the Tadmor Central Hotel School in Herzliyah and the Carmel school in Haifa.

One of the concerns of the Israeli tourism industry is the "considerable drop" in visits in recent months due to fear of terrorism, Gjebin said. However, Israel is not alone in that respect. European countries are suffering as well. Americans (both

Jewish and non-Jewish) are staying home in droves, he said.

Gjebin, whose other hat is as Israeli coordinator for the tourism sector of Operation Independence, the privately run program designed to help Israel attain economic independence, says OI is trying to set up projects to promote tourism to Israel.

Looking ahead to Israel's 40th birthday in 1988, OI is pushing the government to set up a special commit-

tee to coordinate plans for anniversary celebrations. It's also promoting "incentive travel," trying to convince organizations and companies to offer trips to Israel as incentives to productive employees.

And OI is trying to convince Jewish organizations to hold their annual meetings and conventions in Israel.

"Come to Israel," is Gjebin's message to Canadian Jews and non-Jews

alike. "Service has been improved and is still improving. The weather is definitely better than in Canada. And if anybody can assist with funds to help us purchase training material, it will be most welcome."

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Travel

Sport fishing aboard Miss Tradewinds

Big ones biting (usually) in waters off Florida Keys

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

ISLAMORADA, Fla. —

Fishermen from all over North America and around the world come here to land the big ones.

The waters off the Florida Keys, a chain of islands stretching 150 miles into the sea, are rich in sport fish like sailfish, tarpon, barracuda and marlin.

And if you're not up to grappling with any of these writhing creatures of the deep, you can fish for gentler species like grouper, snapper or redfish.

The Keys, which begin in Key Largo and end in Key West, are full of secret and not-so-secret places that can delight an angler. You can drive down to Marathon, where the 7-Mile Bridge arches its way over Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, and spend a whole day hauling in fish.

And you can do no worse off the coast of Key West, the largest town in the Keys. That is, if you're lucky.

But it was to Islamorada that I went after hearing some fish tales from a bunch of locals.

Islamorada is a lovely island in the sun and more attractive than many islands in the Keys because of its royal palms.

I was intrigued by Islamorada's lush tropical

vegetation, but more than that, I was curious to find out whether all those wild fish stories were true.

I pulled into Whale Harbor, located at mile marker 83, and headed for the Miss Tradewinds kiosk in the marina. I had been told that an inexperienced angler like myself could learn a thing or two aboard Miss Tradewinds, a 65-foot fibreglass diesel boat that sails out of the harbor twice a day, 9.30 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. The man in the booth certainly encouraged my belief, showing me thick photographic albums of ecstatic fishermen with their prize catches.

Since I was a little early for my rendezvous with Miss Tradewinds, I walked down to the far end of the dock to watch another boat coming in from a morning of fishing. Two young men, wide grins on their faces, stepped off the deck, holding aloft on hooks big ones — marlin and dolphin — that didn't get away. Positioning themselves for the best possible camera angle, their excited wives snapped picture after picture of their proud husbands and their stiff, magnificent quarry.

Anticipating similar fortune, I stepped aboard the Miss Tradewinds. As we roared away, the shoreline gradually receded until we were in open water.

The captain's mate, a strapping blond fellow with

Californian sun-tanned looks, prepared the bait and secured the rods. We were soon fishing in waters 106 feet deep. The man next to me, a veteran of the wars who lives in Miami, was gungho about the prospects. "There are plenty of them down there," he said.

Well, we were all out of luck. The fish were simply not biting.

We hauled in our lines, and Miss Tradewinds moved into deeper waters, 160 feet. A boy of about 13 snared two jacks, barely edible fish, but that was it.

At this point, I began to feel seasick. I lay down on a bench, resting my head on two rolled-up towels. I didn't miss much: the fish were not nibbling.

By now, nearly three hours had elapsed without a decent catch. And the captain and his mate were visibly embarrassed by our poor showing. But what could they do about the dismal situation?

Miss Tradewinds went back to Whale Harbor, sans sport fish.

I can't say I despaired.

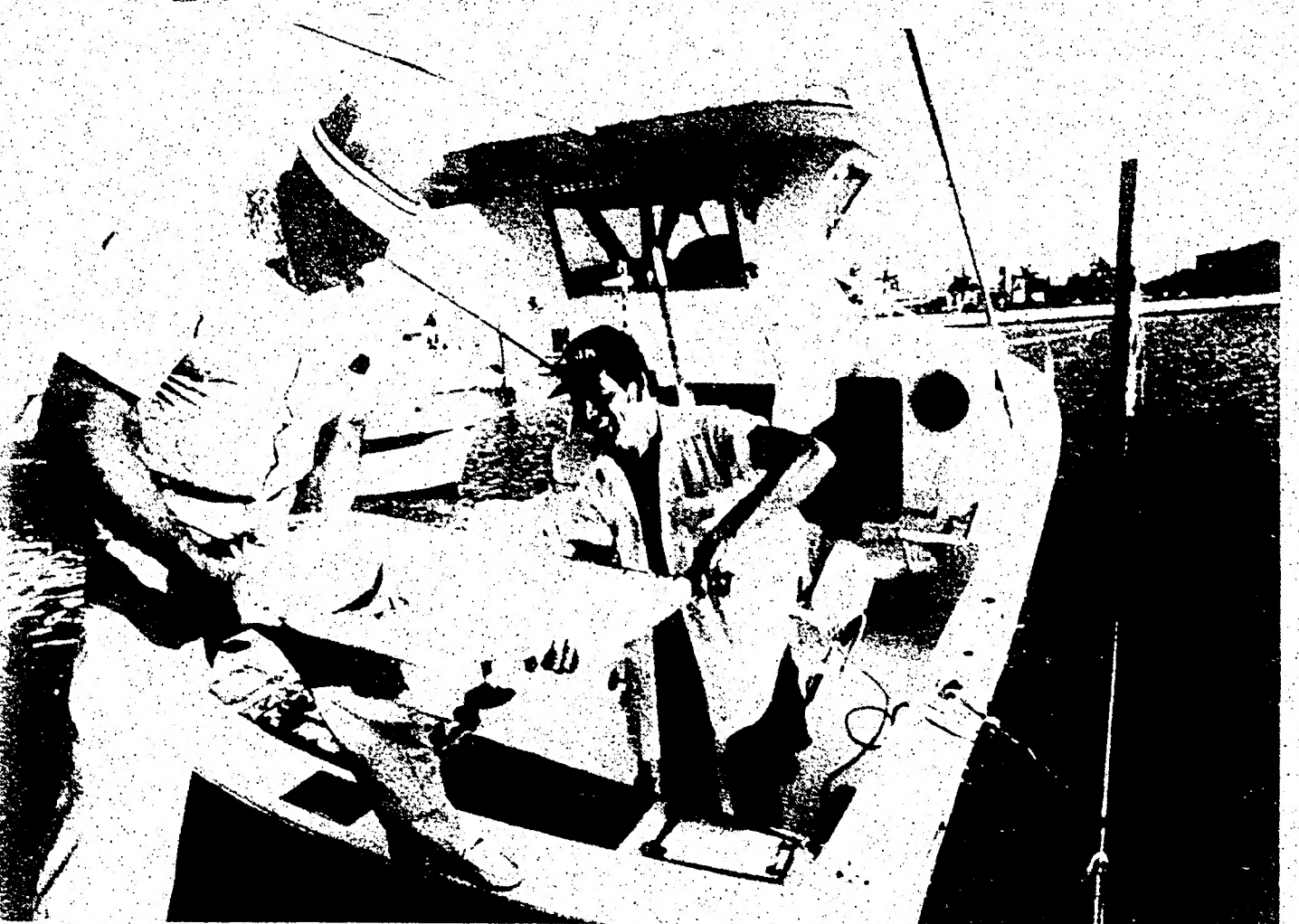
Despite my bout with seasickness, I had had a thoroughly enjoyable day, the weather having been

pleasantly warm.

As we filed down the gangplank, a smaller charter boat came into

Whale Harbor. The fishermen on it sported grins from ear to ear. Luck had been with them.

I didn't have any tall tales to tell my friends, but at least I could dream about it.



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Travel

Scopus-BB packages

IPO celebration featured among new tours

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Scopus travel agents — agents across Canada committed to better marketing and promoting tourism to Israel — are putting finishing touches to several tours to the Holy Land beginning later this autumn.

Working in conjunction with B'nai B'rith Canada's travel committee, Scopus agents are offering eight packages. Outside of those, but probably the highlight of the tours, is a 2-week package to mark the 50th anniversary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Organized in association with the Toronto and Montreal Symphony Orchestras and with the National Arts Centre orchestra in Ottawa, the tour, from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, will include deluxe accommodations, three dinners, eight days of sightseeing, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and, of course, concerts.

According to Toronto travel executive Ronald Oelbaum, owner of Corson Travel, the concerts will feature some of the top names in classical music today: violinists Pinchas Zukerman, Shlomo Mintz, Isaac Stern and Itzhak Perlman; soprano Roberta Alexander; cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and other top names, all conducted by Zubin Mehta. The concerts, seven in all, will be held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and six additional concerts will also be offered for the price (\$2,900 Cdn.).

As well, the tour price will include a \$500 tax-deductible donation to one of the three sponsoring Canadian orchestras, depending on where one registers.

"It'll be VIP treatment all the way," says Oelbaum. "There will be a shuttle service to all the concerts."

A special perk for participants will be a black-tie gala ball marking the IPO's

50th birthday. Oelbaum adds:

—The Scopus agents, a network formed at the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary last spring in response to Project Independence, a call from Israel to boost its tourism, are offering these package tours to Israel, the Orient and Europe:

- a 10-day ski package to Cortina, Italy will be offered next March.
- an Art and Culture Independence Day tour to Israel is scheduled for next May. Israel's 39th birthday will be marked in a tour stressing Jewish art and culture.

• a tour for singles, called A Taste of Honey, is scheduled for July, 1987. A stopover in Europe is planned.

• the Heritage Tour to Europe, emphasizing Eastern Europe, will depart July. The tour is for people wishing to explore their family roots and heritage and to see for themselves the land of their forebears.

• a special Yiddish tour to Israel is planned for next June. Those wanting to improve or just use their Yiddish are encouraged to register. A Yiddish-speaking guide will lead and Yiddish culture will be

stressed.

• in October, 1987, a 3-week tour will leave for mainland China, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

• B'nai B'rith Canada's President's Mission to Israel is scheduled for this Nov. 4-28. This will include eight days of touring, a stay at a kibbutz, deluxe accommodation and a stopover in Europe, if desired.

• Starting next summer, Scopus agents will feature special bar- and bat-mitzvah tours to Israel, in which families who normally couldn't afford a b'nai mitzvah in Israel band together and go as a group. This way, "you create an atmosphere of an extended family by sharing the experience," Oelbaum says. Following the b'nai mitzvah, to be held at the Western Wall, the families would tour the country together. It would be the first time in Israel for many of the children, Oelbaum adds.

There is still time to register for the ARI program — Active Retirees in Israel — a 3-month package designed for senior citizens.

Through the ARI program, members of B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Women 50, spend three months in Israel, with their home base in Netanya. Participants volunteer five mornings a week in hospitals, schools, facilities for the elderly and handicapped and in Jewish National Fund forests.

In addition, they spend most afternoons attending Hebrew classes. Several evenings a week are devoted to lectures, discussions and other social and cultural activities. ARI participants will also tour Israel, traveling to Jerusalem, the Golan, the Galilee and the Negev. The seniors are divided into 50-member units.

"It gives seniors (those over 50) a chance to take part in Israel's everyday life and to do something different this winter," Oelbaum says.

Those interested may

Turkey remains
nice place to visitBy
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The recent massacre of 21 Jews in an Istanbul synagogue may deter Jewish travelers from visiting Turkey. And while this would be understandable, it would also be a great pity.

For Turkey, which provided a haven for Sephardic Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition, is a fascinating country from a tourist's point of view.

Turkey (Collins, \$21.95) makes you feel at home in the interior of an Ottoman mosque, in the ruins of a Hittite palace, in a bustling market, in a murky bath, or in one of Turkey's justly famed restaurants.

Authors Dana Facaros and Michael Pauls have researched the topic well.

Another book well worth reading is *Turkey: A Travel Survival Kit* (Raincoast Books, \$11.95) by Tom Brosnahan. Numerous color photographs whet your appetite for this little-known country.

Anyone who hasn't been to the Greek islands hasn't really traveled. Islands in the sun like Kassos and Corfu remain etched in the memory long after you've visited them.

Greek Islands (\$22.95), written by Dana Facaros, is

an ideal introduction, as is another volume, *Greek Islands* (Raincoast Books, \$8.95) by Robin Mead. While we're on the subject, be sure to read *Greece, the Mainland* (Raincoast Books, \$8.95) if you intend to visit points of interest like Athens, Salonika or Larisa.

For Canadians, the U.S. is a perennially attractive destination. From New York City to San Francisco, Canadian travelers will find much of interest in America.

USA 1986 (New American Library, \$15.95) contains over 800 fact-filled pages on every state in the union and includes up-to-date information on sights, hotels and restaurants. With this valuable guide in hand, you can't go wrong.

Italy always beckons, and *Italy 1986* (New American Library, \$13.95) will enable you to see the right places, drink in the best cafes and sleep in the finest pensions.

Lovers of the Iberian Peninsula will be glad to read *Spain and Portugal 1986* (New American Library, \$13.95). Like the two aforementioned guides, they offer marginal comments in red ink designed to help readers with cross-references.

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Business Outlook

Sharing can be enhanced

Annuities can prolong tzedakah

By
SONNY GOLDSTEIN

TORONTO —

As we drive along through some of the old neighborhoods or walk through the parks, we can't help noticing the splashes of crimson and yellow that adorn our trees.

It's like a giant paintbrush touched down here and there, adding some

glorious color to our lives to remind us of the time of the year, and that many things, like the changing of the seasons, are totally beyond our control.

My late father, though boasting only a grade 3 Polish education, left me many poignant philosophical thoughts.

One of them concerned the rare instance we are about to experience when Yom Kippur comes out on

the same day as secular Thanksgiving.

He said that such an occasion, when everyone, not just we Jews, took some time to reflect on the good in their lives, created a special force that caused the year it ushered in to be very special indeed.

I think he was right. This really does look like it's going to be a great year. We all have lots to be thankful for.

Interest rates are back to a sensible level creating a tremendous business environment. Almost everyone I talk to tells me business is good. Real estate is booming and many looking forward to retirement are able to capitalize on their family home at prices that are the highest ever.

The strong economy is making these homes affordable to young buyers

who are enjoying solid incomes.

In our lives, thoughts of thankfulness cannot be widely separated from thoughts of tzedakah. When things are good, we want to share, especially with the needy.

For many, this sharing can be greatly enhanced by the charitable gifting of life insurance. The annual donation that many now make will die with them, unless they have foresight to use some of it to create a fund that will be around forever.

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These are just two areas of financial planning that tie in with tzedakah and make the sharing even more meaningful.

(Sonny Goldstein is president of Creative Ideas in Financial Planning, a company providing financial advice to individuals and corporations.)

Including Bronfman, Kilber

5 re-elected to IDB board

NEW YORK —

Charles Bronfman and Senator E. Leo Kolber are among five prominent North American Jews who have been re-elected as directors of IDB Bankholding Corp. along with the chairman of the board, Raphael Recanati, it has been announced.

IDB Bankholding is the parent company of Israel Discount Bank and one of the largest business enterprises in the private sector of Israel's economy.

The five Jewish leaders who will serve with Recanati are:

- Charles Bronfman of Montreal, co-chairman of Operation Independence and deputy chairman of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Ltd.

- Senator E. Leo Kolber of Montreal, chairman of the North American branch of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the board of The Cadillac Fairview Corp.

- Victor Carter of Los Angeles, a veteran leader of United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds activities. Carter is a former president and chairman of the board of Republic Pictures.



Raphael Recanati

- Ludwig Jesselson of New York, chairman of the international board of trustees of Bar-Ilan University and a former chairman of the board of Philipp Brothers.

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IDB Bankholding also holds 85.5% of the share capital of IDB Development Corp., formed in 1980 to hold and centralize the investment and finance activities of the IDB Group.

At the company's recent annual shareholders meeting in Tel Aviv, Recanati announced that IDB Bankholding would continue its present policy of full separation of the banking and investment activities of the Group.

Both will be followed and directed by IDB Bankholding, which is studying the possibility of raising capital for the group in Israel and other countries, Recanati said.

Multi-media firm wins top awards

TORONTO —

Toronto multi-media production company, The A.V. Force Inc., owned by Andrea Weinstein and Tony Tudhope, was awarded two top awards by an international panel of judges at The Association for Multi-Image International (AMI) Convention held recently in Anaheim, Calif.

The awards, the 1986 Industry Gold Achievement Award for Innovation and a Gold in the Extravaganza category, went to The A.V. Force for its production of the Expo 86 Canada Place Vidiwall. The Video Wall is the first ever display comprised of 108, 26 inch video monitors controlled by 14 laser discs and a mainframe computer.

The Vidiwall, still on display at Expo, dominates the east wall of Canada

Place. It tells the story of Canada's contribution to the fields of communication and transportation.

The Vidiwall was chosen to open the AMI festival. "No one had ever seen anything like it," said Weinstein, creative director of The A.V. Force Inc. "Since Vidiwall is on permanent display at Expo 86, we played a videotape of the extravaganza on a large video screen. When the images started to move across the 108 monitors, you could feel a ripple of excitement move through the audience of more than one thousand of the best multi-image producers in the world. It was wonderful to see their reaction."

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Passers-by at the Bloor-Yonge intersection were treated to a trumpet fanfare recently as Mayor Art Eggleton and Metropolitan Toronto chairman Dennis Flynn laid the first granite cornerstone to mark the activities of an association formed to beautify the streets and promote the Bloor-Yorkville area.

The Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area (BIA) management board, chaired by Tom Creed, celebrated its first year's accomplishment and announced plans to attract more tourists and shoppers to the midtown neighborhood of expensive shops, businesses and restaurants.

Creed, of the recently renovated Creeds on Bloor St., thanked BIA members and government officials for their time and effort on behalf of the largest of such associations in Canada.

Founded in July, 1985, with the goal of increasing business revenues, the Bloor-Yorkville BIA is bounded by Scollard St. on the north, Church St. on the east, Charles St. on the south and Avenue Rd. to

the west. It includes nearly 3,000 member companies with 28,000 employees and over 7,000 residents.

At a press conference after the ceremony, BIA board member Richard Wookey, announced a \$10 million, 3-year plan of physical improvements such as new street lamps, decorative pavement, new street signs with the

Bloor-Yorkville logo and tree planting, all of which have already been completed on Scollard.

Recreation and pedestrian areas, such as the transformation of the parking lot on Cumberland St. into a park, are also planned.

In conjunction with the street design improvements, Wookey outlined a program of promotions,

advertisements and public relations to compete with other tourist attractions such as Harbourfront and the Eaton Centre. A red double-decker bus service from major hotels to the Bloor-Yorkville area is already running.

Funding for the BIA projects comes from area businesses, government grants and individual and corporate donations.



Tom Creed, chairman of the board of management for the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area, (left), with co-chairman Stefane Seftor at the corner of Scollard and Bay Streets.

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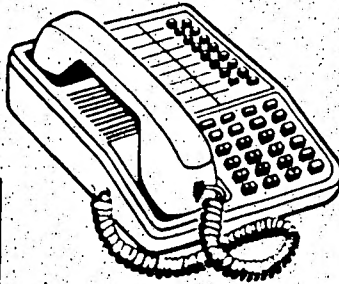
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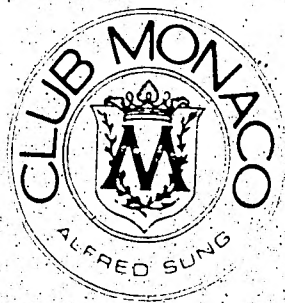
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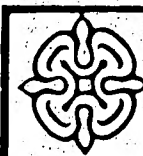
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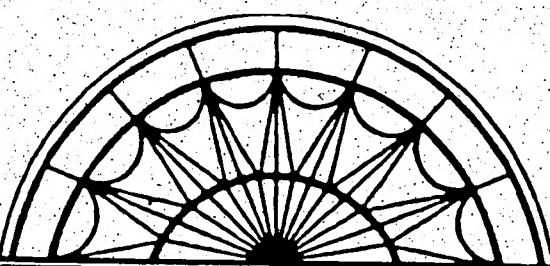
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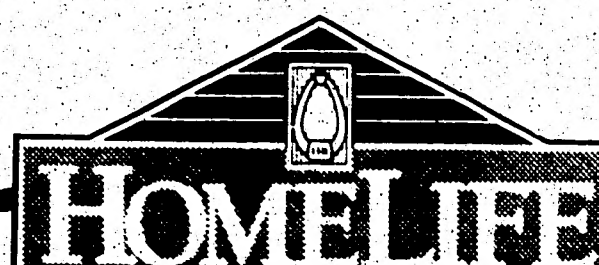
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Imitation trees, plants form
"landscape of the future"

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TORONTO —

What has a real tree
trunk, beautiful leaves that
don't dry up and fall off,
doesn't grow and has no
insects?A tree by Silk-Scaping
Limited of Markham.Using the trunks of real
myrtle and dragonwood
trees from California and
Florida and silk leaves
from Hong Kong and
Taiwan, Rose Baum and
Sharon Grossman create
trees that are so lovely and
lifelike that one doesn't
believe they're not the real
thing even after touching
them.In today's environ-
ment, most interior plants
and trees don't survive,"
Sharon explained while
strolling through their
showroom. "They are ex-
pensive to maintain, die
quickly and then are expen-
sive to replace. Trees and
plants like ours form the
landscape of the future."Although they've been in
business only a short time,
the partners are very pro-
fessional and proficient at
their work and had put lots
of time and effort into
research before estab-
lishing themselves."I had seen all the
wonderful things available
in Florida," Rose stated,
"and couldn't see any
reason why we shouldn't
have the same quality here.
I hadn't been at all impress-
ed with what was available
in Canada until then."They obtained samples
of leaves from close to 200
companies before deciding
on those few that met their
standards — "everything
must be as close to the real
thing as possible."The tree trunks arrive
pre-fumigated and treated
so they won't develop any
undesirable visitors. The
partners then set to work
trimming the branches and
sometimes shortening the
trunks (some are 12 or
more feet tall on arrival)
with saws and drilling
holes for the leaves, which
are glued into place. The
completed trees are placed
in decorative containers

Sharon Grossman (left) and Rose Baum.

and surrounded by wash-
able clay pebbles or wood
chips.The amount of work and
leaves is, of course, depen-
dent on the original tree
trunk and the size wanted
by the client — for one
tree, they used 2,500
leaves.Prices range from \$60
for a small, ready-made
tree to several hundred
dollars for a larger custom-
made one.Also available are
green, flowering and cactus
plants, all of which
look realer than real. For
schefflera plants — the
bane of most home
gardeners who try and
fail to keep them longer
than a few months — the
leaves are attached to
natural bamboo... and
last and last. The part-
ners have been assure
that, as long as the plants
are not left constantly in
direct sunlight, they can
"live" forever.They deal primarily with
decorators and have found
that, thus far, a large
percentage of sales have
been for offices and
businesses."No one likes to take
care of the real plants at
commercial enterprises
and, consequently, they
die," Rose said.

Neither partner has been

trained in design or hor-
ticulture, but they believe
that they're "very good at"
what they're doing."My husband was amaz-
ed when he saw the size of
the boxes I was lifting and
how I was working, clim-
bing on ladders, sawing at
trees," Rose added.Previously, the largest
thing I'd ever moved was
a pencil."With an extensive
background in bookkeep-
ing and accounting (she is
a graduate math teacher but
had not worked at it), she
is confident that she can
handle the financial aspects
of the business. Sharon is
currently on a leave of
absence from her teaching
position, but has serious
doubts as to whether she'll
ever return to it — she's
having too much fun with
her "gardening."Their showroom is a
veritable garden in itself.
With white wicker fur-
niture and the plants and
trees artistically arrayed
throughout the area,
they've established a
perfect site for their clients
to make their selections.
The rear workroom area is
another matter — in ad-
dition to the raw materials
that eventually comprise
their floral masterpieces,there are also hacksaws,
drills, glues, toy cars and
trucks and other playthings
with which to keep a tod-
dler happy. Each of the
partners has a young son
(Rose's is 2 and Sharon's
is 3) in addition to grown
families, and the children
often play there while their
mothers work."We never thought
we'd have so much fun
with this business,"
Sharon confesses. "It
allows us to be as creative
as we want and also af-
fords us the opportunity
to do physical things, like
working with saws and
drills.""And we know we're
catering to a market that
hasn't yet been catered
to in this city. We're
providing a valuable
service.""We know what we
have and we want people to
know what we have,"
Rose adds. "Before we
came along, most Toronto-
nians didn't know that
plants like ours were
available."Silk-Scaping Limited is
located at 110 Riviera
Drive, Markham. For
more information or an ap-
pointment, call 447-TREE
(8733).Diamonds pass
\$1 billion mark

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The Israeli diamond in-
dustry has passed the
billion dollar mark in ex-
ports, exceeding in the first
eight months of 1986 its
total sales for the year
1985, it has been an-
nounced.Cut diamond exports
reached \$1,006 billion
(U.S.) during January
through August, a 37% in-
crease over the same
period last year.The record pace in
sales by this major centre
for the manufacture and
trading of gem diamonds
is said to be based on a
new demand for larger
diamonds.The trend in international
jewelry fashions is toward
diamonds of 10 points and
up, of medium quality,
with Israel supplying 70%of such stones—one carat
and more, says Moshe
Schnitzer, president of the
Israel Diamond Exchange.The strengthening cur-
rencies of Europe and the
Far East are enhancing
this movement to large
diamonds in markets in the
non-dollar bloc, he noted.The public is becoming
aware of the relatively
low prices for larger
diamonds today, along
with the possibility of
price increases for these
goods in the near future.Fears of renewed infla-
tion, coupled with low-
interest rates, are pointing
jewelry buyers away from
very small cheap diamonds
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inherent today in the ac-
quisition of bigger stones,
said Schnitzer.

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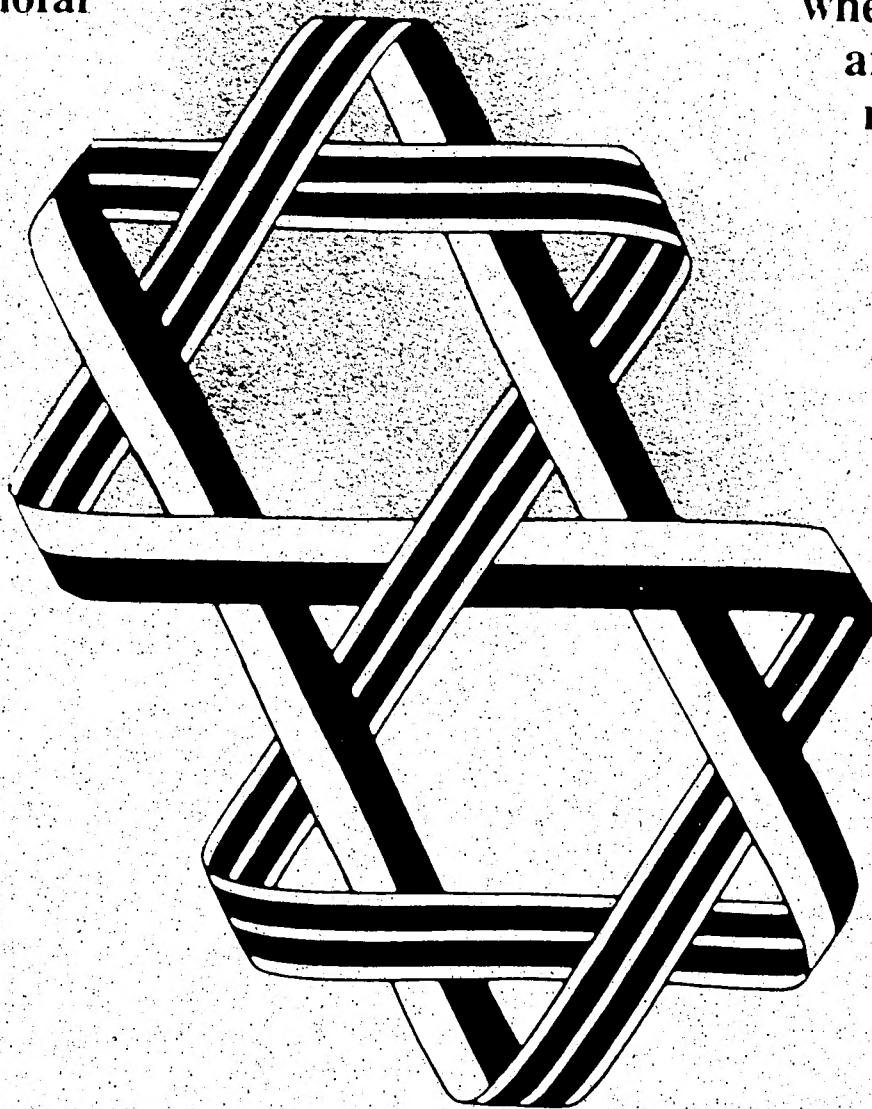
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